

Victoria Orchid Society



Shirley Page's Slc Hwa Yuan Star 'Lovely Girl' was voted the best plant on display at the November meeting.

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Meetings:

2012 Spring

- January 24
- February 28
- March 27
- April 24
- May 22
- June 26



*Blc. Mem Vida Lee
'Limelight'*

From the Editor

I hope that you all had a good holiday season and will be back to enjoy the busy show season ahead.

Goodies for the January meeting are requested from those members with last names beginning with the letters N, O, P, and R.

Beautiful blooms are so much more fun when they can be shared with others who have also been bitten by the orchid bug.

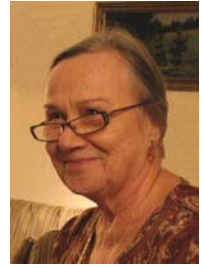
Diana Rowles

www.victoriaorchidsociety.com

Check out our website for information about the society, upcoming events, plant registration for shows, regulations for bringing orchids into Canada, and what books are in our library. The orchids from the display table each meeting are now posted on the web. Previous newsletters can also be accessed from the website.

Contributions to the newsletter can be made up to 14 days before the next meeting date by contacting me by phone or email. (250-385-8888 or enviroed@telus.net).

Logo photo D. Rowles



President's Message

Welcome to another new year with new hopes and old friends – happy thought!
Our Christmas Party was a warm and cheerful occasion – with all those centre pieces donated by the floral arrangers group, the many candles that Jane had set up and the good food! Thank you to everyone who contributed to the festivities!

It is a serious time now for us – we must talk very nicely to our orchids these next few weeks, so that they will be happy to come and show off their beauty at the spring show.

Talking about shows, this spring, they will come closely together: The first will be in Edmonton on the last weekend in February (24th – 26th). One week after that comes the Victoria show March 1st – 4th; then three weeks later, we will have the Vancouver show on the 23rd and 24th of March. CVIOS, the Nanaimo group, will be holding their show on the 13th and 14th of April. Looks as though, here in the West, we should all get our fill of orchids.

Of course – real orchid people will never get too much of our favourite plants– right? Pity the poor people in Toronto: they cannot have a spring show this year because the developers had to extend a construction period and no other site can be found on such short notice.

At our January meeting, we will pass around the sign-up sheets for our volunteers to help with the Victoria show. Please don't be afraid to come and help – anybody who has worked at the show for a few hours will tell you that it is not difficult but rather great fun; this goes especially for the Friday orchid judging – just think how privileged you will be to see the orchids in all their glory, first, before the public is allowed to view them. And on Friday evening, our members will have first pick in the sales area.

Our speaker this month will be Marilyn Light who is not only a fervent advocate of orchid conservation and protection, but she will talk to us about those Chinese Cymbidiums (as they are called) – not just from China but most rewarding to grow at home. Come and see for yourself! See you at the meeting!

Ingrid Ostrander

Reminders:

The photographing of the display table plants is starting to work more smoothly now. Donna Stuart has kindly agreed to help facilitate the process. So, those people bringing plants are asked to do the following:

- Make out a list of all your plants' names with the your name at the top.
- Place the list on the photography table with your plants on the left hand side of the table.
- Collect the plants from the right hand side of the table after the photographs have been taken and put them on the display table.

Thank you.

Diana & Donna

2012
<i>Jan. 24– Marilyn Light , Chinese Cymbidiums</i>
<i>Feb.28 – Poul Hansen From Seed Pod to Composite pot</i>
<i>Mar. 27 – Calvin Wong of Tropical Orchid Gardens, Neofinetia fulcata</i>
<i>April 24th – Bryan Emery, Pleurothallis</i>
<i>May 22nd – Joe Chow, Backyard orchids</i>
<i>June 26th - Auction</i>

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 7:30 p.m. 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 10:00.p.m. Joe Chow is Plant Doctor ➤ and will help you with orchid issues for 15 minutes before the start of the meeting (7:10-7:25 p.m.).



January 24 meeting - Marilyn Light

Marilyn Light, a Canadian orchid expert, has both a Bachelor of Science (Agriculture) and a Master of Science (Microbiology). From Quebec, Marilyn moved to Barbados where she taught Botany and Biology at the Barbados Community College. She began growing and studying orchids in Barbados in 1970.

Marilyn is the author of a number of books on orchid growing in North America and in the Caribbean and a contributor to many important horticultural journals. She has served in a number of prestigious organizations: President and Conservation Chair of the Canadian Orchid Congress, a member of the IUCN/SSC Orchid Specialist Group, past President of the Ottawa Orchid Society. She is a member of the American Orchid Society, the Royal Horticultural Society, England, and of the Ottawa Horticultural Society where she served as a Director for several years.

At the January meeting, we will be the lucky recipients of this expertise as Marilyn speaks on the culture of Chinese Cymbidiums.

February 11th from 1:00 p.m. onward, *Winter Greenhouse Knowledge*

Henk Oudt has agreed to hold an information exchange at his house on this date to answer questions about greenhouses. More information will be circulated about this event by group email.

March 27th - Calvin Wong – will speak on *Neofinetia falcata*. Members will be able to order plants from his website through Debb and pay for them when picking them up at the March meeting.

Past Events

Nov 22nd - Meeting

Potting materials were featured.

Joe Chow discussed the advantages of various kinds of media and demonstrated their use. ➤



Diana Rowles explained her use of the Mario/Poul mix along with the Chuck Taylor double pot method. Having the clear pot under a similar opaque pot allows for the examination of growing roots. Soft plastic containers minimize the damage done to roots in repotting as the soft container can simply be cut off.

Blc. Chunyeah Sun #8 after 18 months in Mario/Poul mix. ➤



Coreen & Kathryn celebrate the awards they won for the beautiful display at the FVOS show presented at the meeting.





Abu Salleh

Judging Centre news

At the Foothills Orchid Society show judging on October 15, 2011, the following AOS awards were granted:

Bulbophyllum arfakianum 'Wally's Wowser' HCC/AOS 78pts . . . ➤
Exhibitor: Ross Otto



Catasetum (Portagee Star x *denticulatum*) 'Big Slim' AM/AOS 83pts . . . ➤
Note: award is provisional pending hybrid registration
Exhibitor: Chuck Taylor



Lepanthes calodictyon 'Miraculous Pudge' CCE/AOS 91pts . . . ➤
Exhibitor: Chuck Taylor

At the AOS Pacific Northwest Judging Center (Vancouver)'s monthly meeting on December 10, 2011, the following AOS award was granted:

Miltonia phalaenopsis 'Adele' HCC/AOS 78pts . . . ➤
Exhibitor: Poul Hansen



December 13th Christmas Party

The VicOS Christmas party once again included a feast of pot luck dishes, a lovely display table, some great prize draw items and a lot of good company.

Lioba, our super "Food" lady managed all the goodies in great style.



Many Happy Faces





Food, Flowers and Friends Everywhere



A well organized and happy event. Thanks to the 'Party crew", Jane, Kathryn, Dave, Poul, Lioba, Diana and all the others who chip in every year.

Victoria Orchid Society
Minutes of General Meeting November 22, 2011

The meeting of November 22nd was held in the Garth Homer Centre. President Ingrid Ostrander called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Ingrid welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked that they sign the attendance sheet and announced the meeting would be conducted according to Robert's Rules. Our guest this evening was Linda Wilkinson of Boulevard Magazine. Jane asked everyone to sign up for the Christmas party and to please bring prize draw items, Mustard Seed donations and a plate, knife and fork. Jane asked everyone to be at Garth Homer by 6:30 p.m. as dinner would be served at 7:00 p.m.

Secretary's Report: MOTION: John Taylor/Nancy Cole moved that the minutes of the October, 2011 meeting be approved as published in the newsletter.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Treasurer's Report: Jane Mason presented the financial report for the month of October, 2011, moved for acceptance, seconded by Geoff Haywood.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Other Reports:

1. Memberships: Joyce reported we now have 69 members.
2. AOS: The 2012 AOS calendars are available for \$12.00 each.
3. Newsletter: Thank you Diana for a great report on the FVOS.
4. Website: The information for advertisements is now on our website.
5. Library: Nancy is selling off some old books (by donation) and the old pamphlets are free and our old locks are for sale for \$2.00 each on the sales table.
6. Programs: Bryan Emery will talk on Pleurothallis in April, May will be on backyard orchids and Joe asked for ideas for a June culture class.
7. Plant Sales: In January we will do an order for Calvin Wong of Tropical Orchid Gardens, who will be our March speaker.
8. Fraser Valley Shows: Poul thanked Coreen and Kathryn for their work and reported we did very well: Jonathan Littau won Grand Champion and his third FCC/AOS. Poul won Reserve Grand Champion and we also won Best Phragmipedium, Miltonia, Other Oncidium, Cattleya and First Bloom Seedling as well as Best Overall Display and Best Visiting Display. Ingrid handed out the awards.
9. Vans: Lioba has offered to loan us her van for a show and Ingrid asked if anyone else would.
10. Workshops: Marigold Nurseries advertised their workshop and there were 52 attendees. We had 6 at Gardenworks.
11. Spring Show: Art Macgregor reported on the progress of the show preparations (see attached) and said we (he) gave VHF a nice gift package for their auction last week. We have the details worked out with VHF and have agreed to give them 20% of the show net profits. Our affiliation with them should get us more prize draw donations and different advertising. Art will set up a Twitter account to try for the younger group. Art has obtained a gaming licence for holding raffles at the show.
12. Mall Shows: Ingrid asked everyone to give some thought as to where else we can hold a mall show.

New Business

MOTION: Art Macgregor moved we partner with the Victoria Hospital Foundation for the spring 2012 show, giving them 20% of the show profit, in the hopes of better promoting our show, seconded by Bryan Emery.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION: Nancy Cole moved we donate \$100.00 to each of the AOS centers in Seattle and Richmond, seconded by Shirley Page.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION: Art Macgregor moved we increase the commission on show sales from 15% to 16% to cover the cost of the credit card charges, seconded by Svend Munkholm.

CARRIED, WITH ONE DISSENTER

Goodies for the January meeting will be brought by members with last names starting with N, O, P, & R.

Show Table: Poul Hansen and Ingrid Ostrander presented the show table.

Speaker: Following the coffee break and prize draws, Joe Chow gave a talk on growing media and Diana Rowles gave a talk on double container potting in Mario/Poul mix.

Next Meeting: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 24th at Garth Homer Centre.

Adjournment: The President declared the meeting adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

Respectfully
Submitted
Kathryn Collins

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. They will be photographed and posted on our website.

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

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

Membership fees are \$25.00 for individuals, \$35.00 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 \$9.00, magnetized tags are \$11.00.

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. Goodies are requested for the January meeting from those members with last names beginning with N, O, P, and R.



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The Victoria Orchid Society Newsletter is published monthly, around the 15th 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.

Advertising, in the newsletter, 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). Businesses may also advertise on the Victoria Orchid Society web site *Classifieds* page for the same costs.

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	➤ Diana Rowles	Library Committee	➤ Nancy Cole, Darlene Li, Tim Hayes
Secretary	➤ Kathryn Collins	Spring Show Chair	➤ Art Macgregor
Treasurer	➤ Jane Mason	Plant Sales	➤ Rick Rancourt & Coreen Kempling
Past President	➤ Nancy Miklic	Prize Draw	➤ Florence Davis/Heather Ord
Directors:	➤ Joyce Wilson	Plant Orders	➤ Debb Ward
	➤ Catherine Frutiger	AOS Rep	➤ Jonathan Littau
	➤ Coreen Kempling	COC Rep	➤ Ingrid Ostrander
	➤ Florence Davis	Culture Classes	➤ Dave McElderry
	➤ Nancy Cole	Web Page	➤ Blair Humphrey
	➤ Jonathan Littau	Plant Photos	➤ Diana Rowles, Donna Stuart
	➤ John Taylor	Hillside Show Chair	➤ Dave McElderry
	➤ Dave McElderry	Programs	➤ Joe Chow
		Newsletter Editor	➤ Diana Rowles
		Newsletter proof reader	➤ Joe Chow
		Executive Spokesman	➤ Ingrid Ostrander
		Potting material sales	➤ Catherine Frutiger
		50/50 Draw	➤ Catherine Frutiger
		Hospitality	➤ Lioba Samer
		Promotion Rep	➤ John Taylor

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

Opportunities:

Salt Spring Island Master Gardener Course

Salt Spring Island has long been known as a place for its unique and diverse gardening community. In February of 2012, the first Hastings House Master Gardener Course is scheduled to be hosted at Hastings House Country House Hotel. This 6 week course, each Saturday will be taught by experts in their field from all over the Pacific Northwest. Anyone with a desire to learn about the practical aspects of gardening with a hands-on application is eligible to take this program.

Course Date: February 4th - March 10th
 Course Fee: \$499.00 (includes breaks and lunch)
 Register by calling Hastings House
 at (250) 537-2362

Course Schedule:

1. Soils: Feb 4th
2. Pests and Diseases: Feb 11th
3. Vegetables and extending the Season: Feb 18th
4. Small Fruits and Pruning: Feb 25th
5. Plant Materials: March 3rd
6. Garden Design: March 10th

Upcoming Shows:

Feb 24th – 26th, 2012 - **Orchid Fair, the Orchid Society of Alberta's Annual Show and Sale**, will take place Friday to Sunday, February 24 to 26, 2012 at Grant MacEwan University 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. For more information e-mail info@orchidsalberta.com or follow the link on the VicOS website to the OSA website.

March 2nd – 4th, 2012 – Victoria Orchid Society Spring Show & Sale, will be held in the Student Union Building at University of Victoria.

This year, we will be joined by the Victoria Hospitals Foundation and there will be some new and exciting additions to the show. Show chair, Art Macgregor will be keeping us up to date as we move closer to the time of the show.

From the Show Chair, Art Macgregor:

We are now, with less than two months to go, getting into high gear in preparation for our March 2-4 show at UVic. Our advertising campaign, in association with the Victoria Hospitals Foundation, will start to be noticed soon and we are also encouraged by the possibility of having more vendors than usual. Each member may expect an invitation concerning some job - big or small - to make our show a success. A first task will be the saturation of the Victoria area with posters starting Jan. 25th (the day after our monthly meeting). Secondly, if there are any specific ways you might like to contribute to the show, kindly call me at 250-217-4390. Thanks. Art

Victoria Orchid Society
Show & Sale
Sat. March 3rd & Sun. 4th, 2012
Student Union Building, University of Victoria

Supporting a healthy community

SATURDAY: 9:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.
SUNDAY: 10:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.

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A donation will go to the Victoria Hospital Foundation from show profits

March 23, 24, & 25, 2012, VOS Show at the Van Dusen Botanical Gardens
5251 Oak Street, Vancouver, B.C.
Saturday 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Sunday 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m

March 25(Fri) - 27(Sun) 2012, Manitoba Orchid Society Show & Sale, "Orchid Celebration"
Assiniboine Park Conservatory 15 Conservatory Drive Winnipeg, MB R3P 2N5
204 927-6000. http://manitobaorchidsociety.ca/main_mos/index.php

April 13-15, 2012 Central Vancouver Island Orchid Society at Country Club Center, Nanaimo, BC.
Contact: Sue Christison, email orchidlady@telus.net
<http://www.cvios.com/>

September 11 – 16, 2012 @ Perth, Western Australia: Wild About Orchids, Burswood Convention Centre, Bolton Ave., Burswood, Perth, Western Australia.
www.waorchids.iinet.net.au/19_AOC_Conference.htm (no space after AOC)

Discounts:

Getting your plant collections organized for shows may involve the need for re-potting materials, fancy pots, or “special” orchids to add to your collection. Take advantage of the 10% discount given to Victoria Orchid Society Members on the purchase of regularly priced items by these various establishments. You will have to show your current VicOS membership card to receive the discount at most places.



Phrag Hanne Popow (schlimii ‘Pink Delight’ x besseae ‘Inca Fire’)

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