

Victoria Orchid Society



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*Shirley Page grew this beautiful
Dendrobium aggregatum
that was voted best plant on the display table at the May
meeting*

Meetings:2011

- May 24*
- June 28*
- Barbecue – August 14*
- September 27*
- October 25*
- November 22*
- December 13th - Party*

Goodies for the June meeting are requested from those members with last names beginning with the letters V,W, & Y.



*Dracuvallia
Gualaquiza*

From the Editor

Our president has spoken of Pat in her message this month, but I would like to add a few comments based upon the trip to Ecuador last April that I shared with Pat. She was charming, funny, helpful and a great traveling companion. Florence & I had many mini-adventures with her, including the night that she found a giant cockroach in her bed and moved in with us for the night. It is hard to believe that someone so full of life has gone so quickly. I am thankful for having had the opportunity to do the trip with her and to share her pleasure in our wonderful discoveries. I will miss her.



On our way home from Ecuador

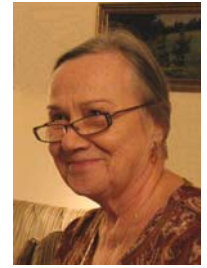
Diana Rowles

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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. 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.W. Smith



Ingrid Ostrander

President's Message

This is a different message from the president:

Patricia Hendrickson, our former vice president and head librarian has died.

When her husband Richard telephoned me to tell me the sad news, I was quite overcome! Yes – we knew Pat had to resign her duties with the orchid society because they had discovered cancer, less than a year ago. We had always hoped it would go into remission – after all – she had just been on that trip to Ecuador!



*Pat Hendrickson
Happy in the Mists of Ecuador*

She was a vigorous, healthy person with lots of energy. She fought her illness bravely, but now she is gone.

When things like this fall into our lives, we are unhappy. The sadness wants to overwhelm us, as it must be for her close relatives. Maybe we need to examine this sadness and not allow it to get in the way of remembering the happiness, joy and companionship we shared with Pat.

Let us remember Pat as she was, bringing her lovely Masdevallias in beautiful, perfectly matched containers to the show table, organizing the library and being a steady, cheerful companion to all who spent time with her. Let us cherish her memory with happy thoughts and banish sadness from our minds.

Our sympathies are with Richard and the family and even though we will miss Pat, we will keep her in our memory as she was: a true lady, gracious, competent and a lover of orchids.

Ingrid Ostrander

Reminders:

Please try to come to the June meeting which will include the Annual General Meeting at which we will be electing the Executive for the 2011/2012 year.

We will also be asking the membership to vote on the VicOS By-law amendments at this meeting.

Discounts: Now that gardening time is here, remember that there are a number of plant stores that give Victoria Orchid Society Members a 10% discount on the purchase of regularly priced items.

They are:

- **Borden Mercantile** – 3960 Borden Ave., Saanich
- **Dig This** – 128-560 Johnson St., 1990 Oak Bay Ave., 480-777 Royal Oak Dr.
- **GardenWorks** – 4290 Blenkinsop Rd., 1916 Oak Bay Ave.
- **Integrity Sales** – 2180 Keating X Rd., Saanich
- **Buckerfields**, 1070 Keating Crossroad, Saanich
- **Urban Oasis Horticultural Services**, 4649 W. Saanich Rd., Saanich

You will have to show your VicOS membership card to receive the discount at most places.

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. Joe Chow is Plant Doctor and will help you with orchid issues for 20 minutes before the start of the meeting (7:10-7:30 p.m.)



The June 28th meeting will be an important meeting. It will include the Annual General Meeting when new officers are elected and members will be asked to vote on the Constitution and By-laws. You received a copy of the Constitution and By-laws with your April newsletter. Art Macgregor will also give a short presentation on growing outdoor orchids.

Sunday August 14th, 2011, Summer Barbecue at Florence Davis The June meeting will also be the last opportunity to buy tickets for the summer barbecue. The cost is \$15.00. Florence needs to know at the end of June how many tickets were sold - how many guests will come and please: NO latecomers on Sunday afternoon!

This year's barbecue will offer hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, chili, potato salad, fresh fruit, Pavlova, tea and coffee. Please arrive at 4:00 PM, and be prepared to eat at 5:00 PM (August days are getting shorter). Guests please bring chairs, plates and cutlery. You may also bring your own beverages.

Please do bring items for the brown bag prize draw. These should not be wrapped as gifts, as brown bags will be placed beside each item and people will place their draw tickets in the bags of items they wish to win.

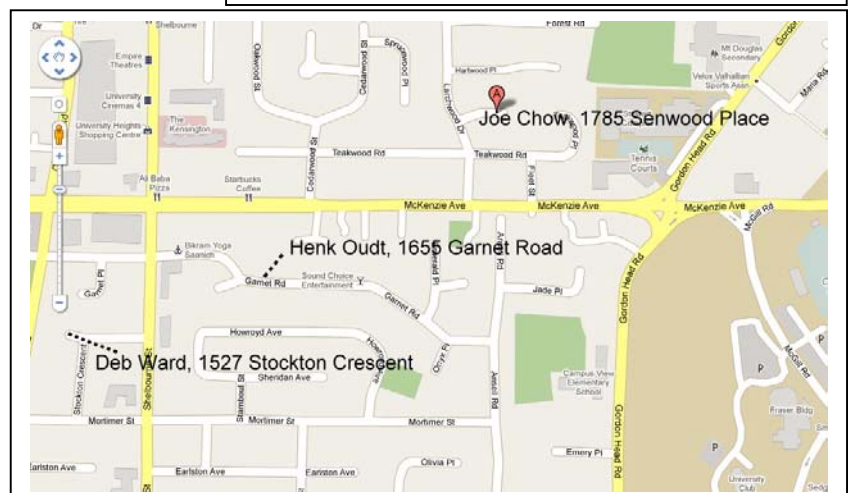
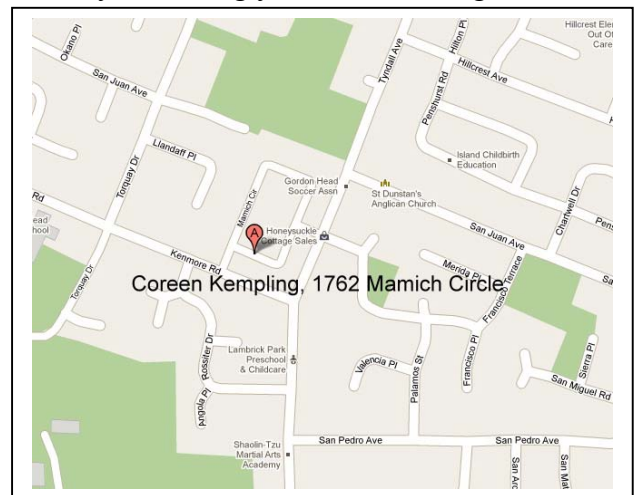
Sunday, July 24th, – There will be open greenhouses at the following members' homes:

- Joe Chow, 1785 Senwood Place
- Henk Oudt, 1655 Garnet Road
- Coreen Kempling, 1762 Mamich Circle
- Debb Ward, 1527 Stockton Crescent

These events allow members to see all different kinds of growing situations for orchids and to ask questions and get tips from growers.

Here is a map to help you find the sites. The greenhouses will be open between 1:00 and 4:00 p.m. (Enlarge your computer screen to 200 for a reasonably clear view).

**Information about August open houses will be sent around by email when they are confirmed.



Saturday, July 16th: a bus tour is being planned to visit the growing spaces of four members of the Central Vancouver Island Orchid Society. The tour would be a day-long event and would cost \$35 per person if we can get 30 people to go. We can go with fewer, but it will cost more per person. We would be visiting:

- Maureen Hawthorn is a good windowsill grower. She lives in Ladysmith;
- Laurie Forbes has a greenhouse and lives in Cedar;
- Mike Miller has a greenhouse and lives in Parksville;
- Donna McDonnell has a greenhouse and is a "lovely grower" who has many awarded plants. She lives at Qualicum Beach.

Please email or phone me if you would like to go on this trip so we can assess the viability and book the bus. About 15 people at the last meeting indicated that they would like to go. **Please confirm**, if you were one of these and indicate your interest if you were not at the meeting. We need to book a bus this month.

Past Events

May 22nd – Poul’s greenhouse



Many members took advantage of the opportunity to visit Poul’s greenhouse with its fantastic display of blooms.



◀ *Milties were in glorious rainbow colours*



A great show of elegant cattleyas ➤



and some mysterious looking flying elves

May 24th meeting – H&R Orchids of Hawaii

Harry Akagi gave a very interesting presentation on the breeding and culture of *Cattleya walkeriana* at H&R Nurseries. He showed the progression of breeding changes of this lovely orchid with a series of elegant slides.

Harry and Jonathan Littau presented the display table. ➤ Harry obviously enjoys other orchids, such as this showy Miltie. He also brought many plants, both pre-ordered and for general sale. Few members left the meeting empty-handed.



Judging Centre news

I am pleased to report that at the AOS Pacific Northwest Judging Center (Vancouver)'s monthly meeting on May 14, 2011, the following AOS award was granted:

Paphiopedilum Booth's Stone-Lady 'Prospect Lake' AM/AOS 80pts
(*Paph.* Lady Isabel x *Paph. stonei*)
Exhibitor: Poul Hansen



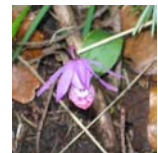
Abu Salleh



Photographer: Judy Higham

Request from Peter Poot, President, Canadian Orchid Congress

What is going on in orchid conservation in your area or at your orchid societies? Can you stimulate some news reports of that kind? Time to do some bragging or mourning. Your ideas, suggestions on any topics for the COC newsletter would be appreciated!



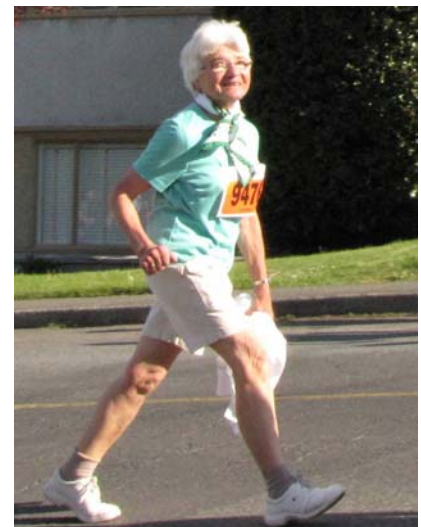
Calypso bulbosa

Does anyone have any ideas for an article on conservation? Would anyone like to write one to submit to the COC? If so, please let Ingrid, our COC representative, know.

Hidden talents – Our hospitality lady not only is a master of organization, but also a very fit athlete. Here she is striding out in the 10K race/walk on April 29th at the 4km mark outside my house. ➤

She completed the course in a good time (the record of which I have since lost!)

Coreen Kempling and her husband also completed the walk.



Victoria Orchid Society
Minutes of Annual General Meeting June 22, 2010

The meeting of June 22, 2010 was held at the Garth Homer Centre. President Art Macgregor called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

Secretary's Report: MOTION: Diana/Margaret moved that the minutes of the June, 2009 Annual General Meeting be approved and accepted as published.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

President's Report: Presented by Art Macgregor and attached to minutes.

Auditor's Report: Joyce Wilson presented the financial report for the year ended May 31, 2010. Geoff asked if the HST would affect the Society and Joyce replied yes. Noreen addressed the loss for the year by advising, in the past, Poul Hansen provided the use of his van to transport plants to shows so the cost to the Society was for gas only, but now we have to rent a van which is approximately \$500 each time.

MOTION: Jonathan moved for acceptance, seconded by Noreen.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Year End Reports:

Library: Pat presented a report, as attached.

Election of Officers: Conducted by Art Macgregor. The following slate of nominees was presented:

President	Nancy Miklic
Vice President	Pat Hendrickson
Secretary	Kathryn Collins
Treasurer	Jane Mason
Past President	Art Macgregor
Directors:	Joyce Wilson, Diana Rowles, Florence Davis, Dave McElderry, Catherine Frutiger, Don Miklic, Poul Hansen and Coreen Kempling.

Art called for nominations from the floor three times after announcing each candidate. No further nominations were forthcoming so all were elected by acclamation.

Adjournment: The Annual General Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Darlene Li

Victoria Orchid Society
Minutes of General Meeting May 24, 2011

The meeting of May 24th was held in the Garth Homer Centre. President Ingrid Ostrander called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. She advised 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 Tim Hayes was passing around. Ingrid announced the meeting would be conducted according to Robert's Rules. As guests we had Angela and Joanne and Roy Redford as a new member.

Secretary's Report: MOTION: Geoff Haywood/Cathy Thompson moved that the minutes of the April 2011 meeting be approved as published in the newsletter. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Treasurer's Report: Jane Mason presented the financial report for the month of April 2011, moved for acceptance, seconded by Diana. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Other Reports:

1. Correspondence: We received an invitation to attend a fundraiser for the Peace Mural Society from Lily Wallace who is our art judge each year at the spring show.
2. Membership: Joyce reported we now have 108 members.
3. AOS: Membership applications are available. They now have David Edgley from Washington and Monica DeWit and Ben Rostron from Edmonton as probationary judges.
4. COC: See their newsletter online.
5. Victoria Website: please visit victoriaorchidsociety.com – it has been updated.
6. Programs for 2011: Art Macgregor will have a workshop in July and there will be a BBQ at Flo's August 14th with hot dogs, hamburgers, salad, Pavlova. Tickets are \$15 & bring your own chair etc. Poul's open greenhouse was May 22nd and many people went to view his lovely Milts.
7. Plant Orders: H & R is here with the ordered plants and Harry also has lots more to sell.
8. Upcoming Shows: Foothills October 15/16, FVOS Nov. 5/6, WOC Singapore Nov 13/14, COC see 'Shows'.
9. Victoria Spring Show: Ingrid asked for a Show Chair volunteer but no one responded.
10. Tillicum Show: Sales were slow but we made a small profit.

New Business

- Members of CVIOS have invited us for an open greenhouse tour on July 16. If 30 of our members go, we could charter a coach for \$35 per person but again only 15 people indicated interest. Diana will send an email to everyone to see if there are more interested people.
- Ron Chartier from the Cedar Hill Art Club was here to get information on our spring show so their members can prepare artwork to submit & sell.

Report from the Executive

- Please read the proposed by-laws. We will be voting on them in June.
- Elections will be held at the June Annual General Meeting.
- Next executive meeting will be at Jane Mason's at 7:30 May 31st.

Show Table: Harry Akagi and Jonathan Littau presented the show table.

Speaker: Following the coffee break and prize draws, Harry Akagi of H & R Orchids from Hawaii gave a talk and slide presentation on *Cattleya walkeriana*.

Next Meeting: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 28, 2011 at Garth Homer Centre.

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



Masdevallia Copperwing

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 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. Goodies are requested for the June meeting from those members with last names beginning with V, W, and Y.

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. 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, Tim Hayes
2 nd 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.

Opportunities:

The Vancouver Orchid Society has been working hard to organize three orchid shows at the Bloedel Conservatory for 2011. There will soon be orchids everywhere under the dome courtesy of members of the Vancouver Orchid society. There will be a multitude of rare and unusual beauties.

Show dates are:

- April 29 – May 8
- June 24 – July 4
- September 30 – October 10



Slc Jewel Box 'Dark Waters'

There will be free tours every day of the show led by knowledgeable members of the VOS. Learn about this very diverse family of plants, how they grow in nature and why they have become such a popular plant worldwide.

Members of the society will be on hand to share many interesting facts about these fascinating plants and to answer any questions you may have about repotting, purchasing or identifying your own orchids. They will also dispell myths you may have heard that orchids are difficult to grow!

The Conservatory is open from 10am to 5pm every day, but will be changing to extended summer hours on May 1st to give you even more time to enjoy these incredible blossoms! Orchid tours will run at 11am, 12noon and 2pm. More information can be found at <http://bloedel.wordpress.com/2011/04/04/orchids-orchids-everywhere/>

Saturday, June 11, 2011 - Mill Bay Garden Club's 64th Community Flower & Garden Show
9:00a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Cobble Hill Hall,
2550 Watson Rd, Cobble Hill, B.C.

Admission \$2.00, Children no charge.

This is a flower show for everyone, including plant sales, garden vendors, silent auction, strawberry tea and the Rotary Club's Pancake Breakfast. There will be Flower Show entries from the public. Other garden clubs, garden associations, etc are welcome.

Show Schedules available at: Laughing Llama, Buckerfields, Dinter's, Earthly Delights & Thrifty Foods.

For further information please contact Brenda Dumont through millbaygardenclub.com.

Saturday, June 25 – Summer Scentsation Garden Show & Plant Sale

10:00 am to 3:30 pm

at the James Bay Community Centre, 140 Oswego Street

Annual show of the Victoria Lily Society. Highlights include a display of early summer garden flowers and ornamental lilies, floral arrangements, flower arranging demonstrations, and a general plant sale (to include potted lilies). Entries by the general public are welcome for both the judged competitions and the non-judged displays. Admission is by donation. An elegant afternoon tea will be available for \$5.00. The Show Handbook URL:

<http://www.members.shaw.ca/lilynet/viclil/2011showhandbook.pdf>

Sunday June 26th – Gabriola Home & Garden Tour,

sponsored by *People for a Healthy Community*

A self guided tour of island homes and gardens on Gabriola Island. The price is \$20 and tickets can be obtained on Gabriola at Artworks (575 North Road), Wheelbarrel Nursery (2280 South Road), and Wild Rose Garden Centre (750 Tin Can Alley).

For more information, contact Kathryn at 250-247-7311 or email her at info@phc-gabriola.org. Visit the PHC website at phc-gabriola.org.

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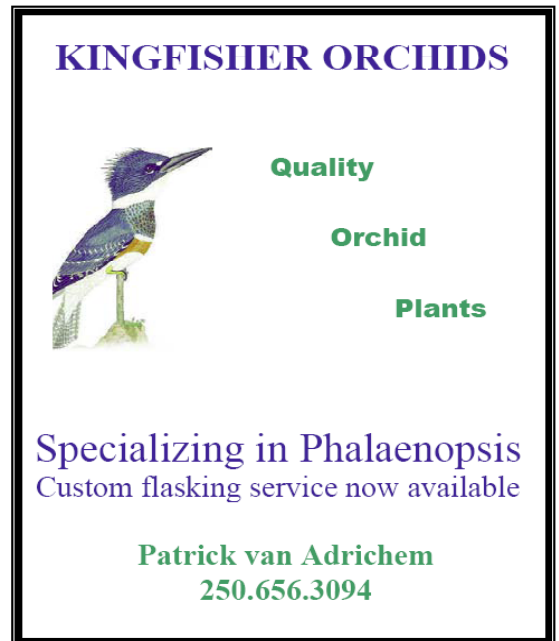
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