

# Victoria Orchid Society



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*Prosthechea (Psh.) Holm's Orange Star x vitellina* was chosen as best plant on the display table by members at the February meeting. This delicate and unusual plant was grown by Cat Frutiger

**Meetings:**  
**Spring**  
**2014**

Mar. 25<sup>th</sup>  
Apr. 22<sup>nd</sup>  
May 27<sup>th</sup>  
June 24<sup>th</sup>

Members with last names starting with **W, A, B & C** are asked to bring goodies for the March meeting.



*Dracula sodiroi*  
'Fuzzy Bell'

*Welcome to new member Susan Reid*

## From the Editor

The Spring Show at our new venue, Our Lady of Fatima Hall, is now past. A new venue is always a challenge, but with a few minor hitches we came through with flying colours. Better parking seemed to bring in many more visitors with walkers and wheel chairs and comments about better parking were frequent. A number of people came back after their first visit, bringing a friend or family member who had found the parking at the UVic site, impossible. A lot of volunteers meant that all stations could be covered and extra help and information could be given to visitors wanting help. Many thanks to the "old faithfuls" and to the new members who proved their worth over and over.

The displays were marvellous and many beautiful plants were on the sales tables (briefly).

Once again there will be a free prize draw ticket for those people spotting the *Surprise Orchid* (✂ identified by this symbol) in the newsletter. Watch for it, you could be a winner. *Diana Rowles*

[www.victoriaorchidsociety.com](http://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 and links to interesting sites. The orchids from the display table each meeting are now posted on the web.

*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](mailto:enviroed@telus.net)).*

*Logo photo D. Rowles*



John Taylor

## President's Message:

Well, that's the show for another year. Its happy conclusion should leave all of us with a sense of satisfaction for a job well done. A very great thank you to all the volunteers. The consensus seems to be that it was one of our more successful shows. The new venue was fine. Indeed, it has a number of advantages over UVic, most notably in price, parking and access to a kitchen.

Were there any downsides to the new site? Not many. It was a little dark, particularly in parts of the sales area: perhaps we can scrounge up more lights for next year. We should look into the PA system—there does seem to be one there, somewhere—but, in the meantime, we were able to rely on the truly startling voice volume of some of our members.

Being on security, I had the opportunity to people watch, which is always fascinating. And the chance to answer questions. Apart from “Where are the washrooms?” the perennial favorite is usually along the lines of “How do I get my orchid (*Phalaenopsis*—it is almost always a *Phalaenopsis*) to re-bloom?” Given the current availability of these plants the real answer is: don't try to get it to re-bloom, pick up another one next time you go to Thrifty's. However, that won't do from a member of an orchid society, and the question can, and does, lead to interesting discussions about growing conditions and requirements.

Security also meant suggesting to an obstinate lady, who insisted on sitting in the show area with plants she had just bought (having been told three times that she could not), that she should sit somewhere else to wait for her girlfriend.

One of the highlights for me was observing at the AOS judging. Judging must have been very difficult in the past before there were computerized data systems. So much involves comparing the plant under discussion with previous plants that have been awarded: How many flowers did it have? How big were the flowers? How clear was the color?—we went outside with practically every plant in order to see it under natural light conditions.

Taken all in all a great show.

John Taylor

## 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. The plants on the display table are presented by experts, followed by a short business meeting, a coffee break with a prize draw of plants and orchid related material, and a featured presentation. The meeting ends between 9:30 and 9:45 p.m.

### **Mar. 25<sup>th</sup> Meeting - Calvin Wong, will speak on Semi-hydroponic Growing**

Calvin Wong, AOS Probationary Judge, and owner of Tropical Gardens Orchids ("http://www.tgorchids.com" [www.tgorchids.com](http://www.tgorchids.com)), has been growing the unusual *Neofinetia falcata* species of orchid under various conditions, and he is one of the very few non-Japanese native members of the Japan *Neofinetia falcata* Society. In this session, he will give us an insight to his semi-hydroponic method of growing these and other species.

### **Spring 2014**

Mar. 25<sup>th</sup> - Calvin Wong,  
*Semi-hydroponic Growing*  
Apr. 22<sup>nd</sup> - Peter & Inge Poot  
*Stanhopeas and Related  
Genera*  
May 27<sup>th</sup> - Mario Ferrusi  
*Masdevallia & Dracula*  
June 24<sup>th</sup> - AGM & Orchid  
Auction

## Reminders:

Make sure that you get your plants to Don & Marilyn Mills on Thursday, Mar 20, for transport to the Vancouver Show. Also start thinking about what you can send to the CVIOS show (April 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>). A notice will be sent out shortly.

The Victoria Orchid Society website has a special page for people's special orchids. If you have a lovely bloom on your orchid and it is not time to take it to a show or even a meeting, share it by sending us a picture to put on the 'Members' Treasures' web page. This has been available for some time, but few people have taken advantage of it! I know that there are many beautiful, blooming orchids in your homes. Share them. Even smart phones take quality pictures now, so wander around your house or greenhouse and click away.

## Past Events

**February 25<sup>th</sup> general meeting:** Sasha Kubicek, presenter

Sasha presented a very interesting slide show and talk about his trip to the Philippines and his marvellous exploration of the mountains with Ravan Schneider who has lived there for many years and discovered nine new species of orchids.

Sasha's pictures showed not only the variety of orchids, but also some fantastic scenery that he and his fiancé, Robin, were able to enjoy (despite the leeches). Some of the highlights of the hikes were the marvellous sight of over 200 *Paphiopedilum hennisianum* growing in one spot and seeing some of the new species Ravan has discovered!

## March 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> - Victoria Orchid Society Spring Show & Sale

### *Behind the scenes*

Setting up a show in a new venue was a big challenge. Poul spent many hours planning and setting up the furniture. Struggling with the fence on the stage was an added issue that required more hands.



And then there were all the details to sort out!

*Beautiful displays*



*Victoria OS display (by Coreen & Isolde)*



*Poul Hansen's display  
(It could hardly contain all the awards)*



*Patrick brought  
some sunshine  
inside*



*Bryan &  
Florence  
many lovely  
miniatures*

*Friday night Gala*



*Jackie,  
our joint host  
told us of the  
services that her  
organization  
provides for  
children and  
families*



*Good food  
good company  
and lovely blooms  
to admire*



*Some got  
more  
excited  
than  
others*



*Lots of plants to buy*



*Happy Vendors*



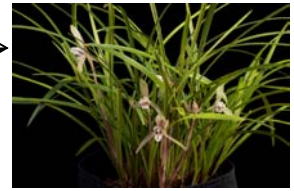
*The work crews*

*Hard working volunteers put in long days at admission and at the till. There was never really a lull. Our head cashier, Emma, spent both days on duty, coaching, cajoling and ringing up sales. Margaret Prat, from VOS also joined the early shift.*

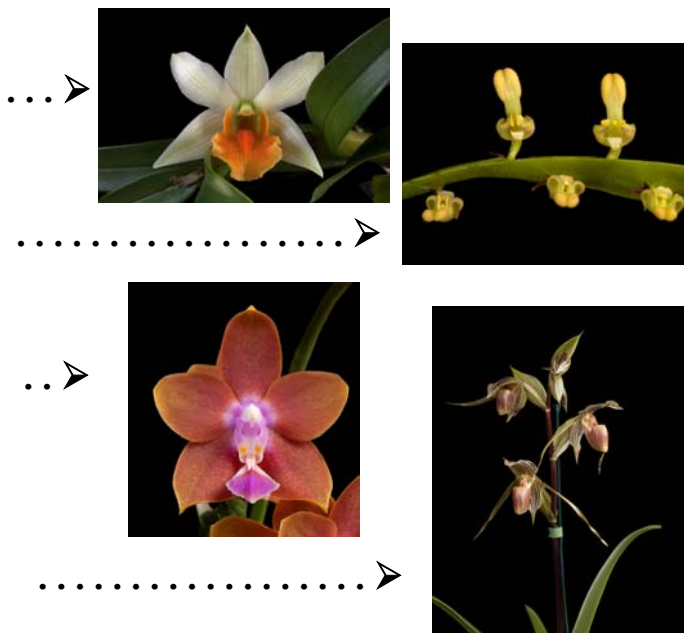


### The Awards

<i>Best Cattleya Species or Hybrid</i>	<i>C. Irving Dietsch Jonathan x Pirates Gold 'Brighton'</i> <i>Exhibitor: Jonathan Littau, VicOS</i>
<i>Best Other in Laelia subtribe</i>	<i>Prosthechea (Psh.) Holm's Orange Star x vitellina</i> <i>Exhibitor: Catherine Frutiger, VicOS</i>
<i>Best Phalaenopsis</i>	<i>Phal. Maki Watanabe 'Carmela'</i> <i>AM/AOS</i> <i>Exhibitor: Pat van Adrichem, VicOS</i>
<i>Best in Vanda Group</i>	<i>Vanda Gunradee Black</i> <i>Exhibitor: Bev Hansen, FVOS</i>
<i>Best in Angraecum</i>	<i>Ang. superbum</i> <i>Exhibitor: : Paramount Orchids</i>
<i>Best In Pleurothallis Group</i> <i>The Lynne Cassidy Memorial Trophy</i>	<i>Masd. Golden Tiger 'Samer'</i> <i>HCC/AOS</i> <i>Exhibitor: Diana Rowles, VicOS</i>
<i>Best Paphiopedilum</i>	<i>Paph. superbiens 'Fiddlefart'</i> <i>AM/AOS</i> 🌸 <i>Exhibitor: Poul Hansen, VicOS</i>
<i>Best Other in Cypripedium sub-family</i>	<i>Phrag. Amitabha 'Prospect Lake'</i> <i>AM/AOS</i> <i>Exhibitor: Poul Hansen, VicOS</i>
<i>Best in Maxillaria tribe</i>	<i>Lyc. skinneri</i> <i>Exhibitor: Poul Hansen, VicOS</i>
<i>Best Miltonia</i>	<i>Mps. roezlii var xanthina</i> <i>Exhibitor: Poul Hansen, VicOS</i>
<i>Best Oncidium</i>	<i>Pnc. Isthmi</i> <i>Exhibitor: Poul Hansen, VicOS</i>
<i>Best Other in Oncidium group</i>	<i>Odontonia Tropical Heatwave 'Everglades'</i> <i>AM/AOS</i> <i>Exhibitor: : Paramount Orchids</i>
<i>Best Cymbidium</i>	<i>Cym. goeringii</i> <i>Exhibitor: Joe Chow, VicOS</i>
<i>Best in Coelogyne grouping</i>	<i>Coel. lawrenceana</i> <i>Exhibitor: Coreen Kempling, VicOS</i>



Best in Dendrobium grouping	<i>Den. Frosty Dawn 'Li'</i> Exhibitor: Rick Rancourt, VicOS
Best of Other in Dendrobium Alliance	<i>Bulb. falcatum</i> Exhibitor: Coreen Kempling, VicOS
Best of all others	<i>Telepogon arlasii</i> Exhibitor: Bryan Emery & Florence Davis, CVIOS (shown below)
Best first-bloom seedling (not a mericlone) Phalaenopsis only	<i>Phal. Rarshati Princess 'Shelley'</i> Exhibitor: Pat van Adrichem, VicOS
Best first-bloom seedling (not a mericlone) all others	<i>Paph. Bel Royal</i> Exhibitor: Poul Hansen, VicOS





COC Trophy for best miniature	<i>Telepogon ariasii</i> Bryan Emery & Florence Davis, CVIOS
VicOS Show Trophy for the Best Visiting Society Display	Central Vancouver Island Orchid Society
Grand Champion, the Best Specimen Plant in Show	<i>Lycaste skinneri</i> Poul Hansen
Reserve Champion Plant, the Next Best Specimen Plant in Show	<i>Brc. Maikai</i> Paramount Orchids



**VicOS ribbons:**  
 24 first  
 22 second  
 9 third  
 2 honourable mention  
 3 AOS nominations  
 1 AOS award  
 7 Best in Class

All awards photographs by Judy Higham

One AOS award was made:    
*Oncidium Island Red 'Jean'* HCC/AOS 77pts  
 (Onc. Trixon x Onc. Actrix)  
 grown by Art Macgregor

Victoria Orchid Society  
Minutes of General Meeting February 25, 2014

The meeting February 25th was held in the Garth Homer Centre. President John Taylor called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

John started with asking Diana to speak about our spring show. Diana mentioned the need for volunteers and passed around the sign up sheet and also called for a helper to put out the new signs Saturday morning. Diana also appealed for sponsors for the trophies at \$25.00 each as well as items for the silent auction, which should go to Don Mills.

John next asked Sasha Kubicek to present the show table and reminded everyone to mark their favorite plant with a plastic disk.

**Secretary's Report:** MOTION: Geoff Haywood/Diana Rowles moved that the minutes of the January 2014 meeting be approved as published in the newsletter.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Treasurer's Report:** Jane presented the financial report for the month of January 2014 and moved for acceptance, seconded by Noreen Taylor.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Thank You** to Geoff for arranging the cultural classes for the Gardenworks Orchidfest and to Geoff, Ingrid, Joe and Svend for speaking and Don, Joyce, Kristi and Diana for assisting.

**Reminders:** Garth Homer has a new security system in place so please use the front entry doors only.

**Other Reports:**

- **AOS:** Congratulations to Poul and Pat for their AM/AOS awards and to Poul for his report in Orchids.
- 2. **Membership:** We have 69 members.
- 3. **Culture Classes:** Geoff has arranged another culture class at Gardenworks on either March 22 or 23<sup>rd</sup> at either 11am or 3pm inside their store. He will try to arrange one at Marigold for the same day.
- 4. **Plant Orders:** Justin said we could preorder plants from Mario Ferrusi – check his website but we can also ask for plants not on the list as Mario may have them available. Let Justin know what you'd like and pay Mario in May.
- 5. **Programs:** March we have Calvin Wong on semi hydroponic growing, April is Peter & Inge Poot on *Stanhopeas* and related genera and May will be Mario Ferrusi on *Masdevallias* and *Draculas*.
- 6. **Spring Show:** Ingrid advised everyone of the show schedule (bring plants for registration and display setup 9-12 Friday morning with ribbon judging Friday at 1:00 pm followed by the Gala at 7pm). Plant entry forms are available on the web site or from Diana and Kathryn tonight. She asked that everyone purchase their ticket for the Gala tonight so we'd know how many were coming and lastly, asked everyone to take a poster and put it in their car window.
- 7. **Prize Draw:** John asked the members to please bring in their orchid related items for the prize draw.

**Program:** Sasha Kubicek told of us his trip to the Philippines and presented his slide show "Wild Orchids in the Philippines".

**Next Meeting:** 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, 2014 at Garth Homer Centre.

**Adjournment:** The President declared the meeting adjourned at 8:50.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. 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 9:30 p.m.

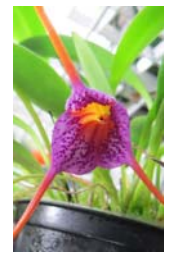
Membership fees are \$25.00 for individuals, \$35.00 for households. The Society membership year runs from September to September, but meetings are not held in July and August. Name tags are available for \$9.00, magnetized tags are \$11.00.

Coffee and tea are available for \$1.00 at the meeting and goodies are provided by members in rotation, based upon the initial letter of their last names. Goodies are requested from those with last names beginning with W, A, B & C for the March Meeting 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.

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.



*Masdevallia glandulosa*

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*Den. Himezakura 'Fujikko'*

**Shows & Opportunities**

**March 21<sup>st</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> - Vancouver Orchid Society Show**

Don & Marilyn Mills will be taking plants to the show. They should be delivered to 986 Lucas Avenue between 1:00 and 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup>.

**April 11, 12, 13, 2014, - Central Vancouver Island Orchid Society Annual AOS Show and Plant Sale**

will be held at North Nanaimo Town Centre, 4750 Rutherford Road, Nanaimo, B.C.

Saturday, April 12, 2014 - 9:30 AM to 5:30 PM - Sales area open

Sunday, April 13, 2014 - 11 AM to 4 PM – Sales area open



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