

# Victoria Orchid Society



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*Joe Chow's Phragmipedium schroederiae was chosen as best plant on the display table at the October meeting.*

### **Meetings:2010**

- November 23**
- December 14 - Party**
- January 25**
- February 22**
- March 22**
- April 26**
- May 24**
- June 28**

Goodies for the November meeting are requested from those members with last names beginning with F, G & H

*Welcome to new member, Katie Horricks-King. We hope that you will find lots of things to enjoy with the Society this year.*



*From the Editor*

Please renew your membership for the 2010-2011 year if you have not already done so. Members who have not renewed by December 31<sup>st</sup> 2010 will be dropped from the membership list. So, this will be your last chance to renew your membership and maintain all the Society's advantages without interruption, including the Society newsletter.

*Milt Hajime Ono  
x Good Hope Bay*

*Diana Rowles*

*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.W. Smith*



*Ingrid Ostrander  
President*

**President’s Message**

Halloween is over and it seems as though Christmas is just around the corner! Since everyone who attended last year’s Christmas Party enjoyed the new format, Noreen Taylor will again organize this happy part of our Orchid Year. Noreen will talk about this at our next meeting.

The show committee has met and held some very long discussions to ensure entertaining, useful and maybe even profitable happenings for the coming show at UVic. Svend, the show chair, shall give you a report at the November meeting.

Your executive board is also working diligently to make our meetings and other functions better and to give more orchid support to our members, particularly the very new orchid lovers in this group. A part of this was already noticed during the October meeting, when Joe, our Orchid Doctor, had a number of advice seekers bring their plants and their questions for him to consider. Thank you Joe! This will be a feature of all our meetings from now on – starting 7:00 PM.

At this time, we are also advising our members that a limited number of the AOS calendars for 2011 have been ordered and we hope that they will be available for sale at the November 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting; the AOS has again produced a beautiful calendar with lovely orchid photos – what else?

Some of you were not at the October meeting, so for you, elsewhere in this newsletter, the results from our participation at the Fraser Valley show last month will be posted. Here, I want to thank all those who laboured on behalf of the Victoria Orchid Society, to set up a winning exhibit of orchids on a hay cart with pumpkins and a pumpkin-stuffed farmer. Pat van Adrichem with his wife Kathy and Art McGregor with Debb Ward did the setup. Many members sent their plants and many hands were there to bring everything home again. Congratulations to all the winners and to the Victoria Orchid Society to have dedicated, helpful volunteers!



*Ingrid finds a body*

Our speaker for this November meeting will be Mario Ferrusi from Ontario, a most excellent orchid grower with many awards to his name. Mario will speak about his own orchids and how he grows them. If you need to know about how to treat any orchid – from A – Z, this is the program you don’t want to miss.

See you at the meeting!

*Upcoming speakers*  
*November – Mario Ferrusi*  
*December – Xmas Party*  
*January -Geoff Hayward*  
*Growing Under Lights –*  
*A New Age.*

*Ingrid Ostrander*

## 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.

**November 23<sup>rd</sup> general meeting:**

**Mario's Orchids from A to Z**

We are very fortunate to have Mario Ferrusi as our featured speaker at this meeting



*Photos by Jay Norris from FVOS Newsletter October 2010*

### Speaker's biography:

I started growing orchids in 1980. Like everyone else, I started with a hybrid Phalaenopsis. This soon escalated when I purchased a hobbyist's setup of 23 plants and fluorescent lights. I quickly learned to like the weird and unusual, ie; Masdevallias, Draculas and everything in the cool range. I joined our local society and almost immediately became Membership chair. Soon afterward I took over the Show Chair's job, and held that for about 10 years. I just recently became Past President of Ontario's largest society, the Southern Ontario Orchid Society.

I joined the AOS judging program in 1992 and became accredited in 1998. I was Chair of the Toronto Judging Center for five years. I now have two greenhouses: the smaller one (15 X 20) is for intermediate to warm plants, and the larger (24 X 32) is for all my cool beauties.

I have concentrated my hybridizing in Masdevallias, Odontoglossums, Lycastes and a few other scattered genera. I particularly enjoy exhibiting and competing for the AOS Show Trophy, but next to AOS quality awards, I cherish cultural awards for my plants the most.

*Mario Ferrusi*

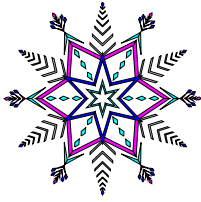
### **Special Offers from Mario, who has won many awards with his plants**

- Five Draculas of my choice for \$120, that's about \$60 savings. Of course supply is limited so first come first served.
- Odontoglossum hybrids? I can offer you a good deal and no shipping costs. Those wishing to pre-order can look at Mario's dated web site *Marsh Hollow Orchids*, although everything is in very limited supply this year.

***Mario will also be bringing plants to sell to the meeting, so if you have not had time to order, all is not lost!***

### **Virus Kits are now available.**

The kits for testing CMV and ORSV have arrived from Agdia and been distributed to those who had pre-ordered. There are five kits still available. They will be for sale at the November meeting for \$8 each.



## CHRISTMAS PARTY

Tuesday December 14, 2010

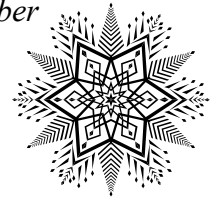
7:30pm – 10:00pm

Garth Homer Centre

*I hope everyone can attend our annual Christmas party. It's a fun filled event and a great way to get to know other members of the society.*

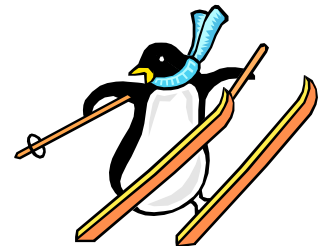
*We will have Christmas music playing in the background and there will be no business done so there won't be any plant sales, nor will the library be open.*

*It will start with a great pot luck dinner. A sign up sheet will be passed at the November meeting. The usual things we need are appys, sandwiches, and of course, lots of desserts. Further information on food preparation and facilities will be available at the November meeting.*



*There will be brown bag prize draws so please bring a prize or two. Unlike the regular meetings the prizes don't have to be orchid related, but should be festive! There will also be a display table.*

*Last, but definitely not least we will collect non-perishable food for the Mustard Seed Food Bank. Every year there seem to be more and more people who need their services so please be generous.*



## Past Events

### October 23<sup>rd</sup> & 23th – FVOS Show & Sale

The Fraser Valley Orchid Society put on a really good show and sale again this year, with many nice displays and interesting vendors.

VicOS did well again, coming away with some serious awards:

- Best Paphiopedilum - *Paph. gratrixianum*
- Exhibitor: Joe Chow
  
- Best Cattleya - *Slc. Hazel Boyd 'Apricot Glow'* AM/AOS  
Joe Chow
  
- Best Phalaenopsis - *Dtps. Tying Shin Pink Kite*  
Pat van Adrichem
  
- Best Orchid Picture, *Jerry Suffolk Award*  
Diana Rowles
  
- Best Display: COC award at this show – awarded to the Victoria Orchid Society ▼

### Ribbons won

**First prize: 8**  
**Second prize: 15**  
**Third prize: 2**  
**Best of class: 2**  
**AOS nominations 2**



*There were many opportunities to buy very nice plants from Ecuagenera, Ching Hua, and others.*



*Forestview Gardens*



*Orchids Limited*



*Paramount Orchids*



*Display by Bryan Emery & Mike Miller*

***October 26<sup>th</sup> meeting:***

Ivan Portilla gave a fascinating talk on the orchids of Ecuador, leaving a number of people planning their next trip to that country two years from now.



*Poul and Ivan discuss Vandas*

*Ivan brought many plants for sale.*



***From the land of Phrags!***



**Oct 31<sup>st</sup> - Workshop at Gardenworks**

The workshop at the GardenWorks drew more than thirty people. As usual, Bryan gave an excellent presentation, covering a number of different orchid types and several kinds of orchid problems. Many people brought their plants to get specific advice and assistance and all went away muttering happily, some with freshly potted plants. A number expressed interest in attending a society meeting.



*A good gathering*



*Roots anyone?*



*Victoria Orchid Society  
Minutes of General Meeting October 26, 2010*

The meeting of October 26, 2010 was held in the Garth Homer Centre. President Ingrid Ostrander called the meeting to order at 7:44 p.m. Prior to calling the meeting to order, she announced that Joe Chow would be taking questions about orchid care and would be at all future meetings starting at 7:00 p.m. Ingrid welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked that they sign the attendance sheet that Barb Judson and Terry McDougald were passing around. We had one guest, Kate.

**Secretary's Report:** MOTION: Cathy Thompson/Hilding Franson moved that the minutes of the September 2010 meeting be approved as published in the newsletter.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Business from Minutes:**

1. **Virus kits** will arrive tomorrow (October 27<sup>th</sup>).
2. **Workshop:** October 31<sup>st</sup> there is a workshop at Gardenworks on Blenkinsop from 1-3. Bryan Emery is running the culture workshop, assisted by Svend Munkholm and Dave McElderry and Joyce Wilson will be there for new members.
3. **Hillside Show:** Dave thanked everyone for their help and reported it was a financial success.
4. **Fraser Valley Show:** Ingrid described the display that Pat van Adrichem did for us, which won the COC show medal, thanked all who participated and congratulated those who won awards.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jane Mason presented the financial report for the month of August, 2010, moved for acceptance, seconded by Nancy Cole.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Other Reports:**

1. **OrchidWiz:** We have been given another copy of Orchid Wiz which we will auction off at the Christmas party.
2. **AOS:** Please fill out the A.O.S. questionnaire.
3. **COC:** We must get the insurance premium to Diane Gillis by December 1<sup>st</sup>.
4. **Membership:** Barbara Stagg was assisting Joyce today and we have 44 members signed up.
5. **Plants:** Joe had nothing to report on the Floralia order.

New Business:

1. **Certificate:** Lioba Samer was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for her many years of being our coffee hostess.
2. **Upcoming Programs:** November we have Mario Ferrusi and December 14<sup>th</sup> is our Christmas Party.

**Report from Executive Meeting:**

1. **Projector Assistant:** We would like someone to volunteer to be a back-up projector operator.
2. **Webmaster:** We are also looking for someone to look after our webpage.
3. **Travel to Shows:** Ingrid asked if anyone would be willing to provide their van for orchid transportation to out of town shows. She also reminded everyone we have a budget amount of \$600.00 to travel to shows and we have permission to rent a van if necessary. The executive would like clarification that these two items are separate. Terry McDougald proposed, seconded by Svend Munkholm, the following:

**MOTION:** We may spend extra to rent a van, if necessary, for travel to out of town shows.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Show Table:** Ivan Portilla and Poul Hansen presented the show table.

**Speaker:** Following the coffee break and prize draws, Ivan Portilla of Ecuagenera from Ecuador, gave a talk and slide show on orchids of Ecuador, particularly about the many varieties of *Cattleya maxima*.

**Next Meeting:** 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 23rd, 2010 at Garth Homer Centre.

**Adjournment:** The President declared the meeting adjourned at 9:30 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.

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.

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 F, G, & H are asked to bring goodies to the November 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.



*Phal Brother Spring  
Dancer 'Little Angel'*

## Who Does What?

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Vice-president	➤ Pat Hendrickson	Library Committee	➤ Pat Hendrickson
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
	➤ Coreen Kempling	Web Page	➤ Blair Humphrey (acting)
	➤ Florence Davis	Plant Photos	➤ Diana Rowles
	➤ Poul Hansen	Hillside Show Chair	➤ Dave McElderry
	➤ Don Miklic	Programs	➤ Art Macgregor
	➤ Svend Munkholm	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	

*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)

## Classified Advertisements:

### Orchid Jewelry

As the holiday season draws closer, our thoughts naturally turn to gift giving. And while the shops may seem to be teeming with possibilities, finding the right gift for that special someone can be daunting. This year, orchid enthusiasts and other lovers of beauty have the opportunity of making their search that much easier by visiting my booth (I-109) at the *Circle Craft Christmas Market* which will take place November 17-21, 2010 in the new West Building of the Vancouver Convention Centre.

My offering ranges from my orchid collection to my new designs, all crafted for enduring beauty and quality. Whether you're looking for traditional pieces or custom-made designs, you're sure to find something that appeals to your sense of esthetics.

*André Godbout  
Jeweller*



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