

# Victoria Orchid Society



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*This elegant Phragmipedium Eric Young that was grown by Poul Hansen was chosen as the best plant on display at the October meeting.*

**Meetings:**

**2011 Fall**  
November 22  
December 13 - Party

**2012 Spring**  
January 24  
February 28  
March 27  
April 24  
May 22  
June 26



*Sophronitis cernua*

*From the Editor*

*Welcome to new members, Silke Sommerfield, Joy McBride and Pete Van Tanken and family.*

*Some of you have not yet renewed your membership. The Christmas Party is coming up to remind you of good times and good friends. The 2011-2012 Membership Form is on the last page of this newsletter. You must renew your membership before Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> to receive newsletters in the New Year.*

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

Goodies for the November meeting are requested from those members with last names beginning with the letters J, K, L & M.

## President's Message

This month, we have all kinds of excellent news for you:

First off, at the Fraser Valley show in Langley, the Victoria Orchid Society display won many awards – almost embarrassing; you will hear more about it at the meeting and elsewhere in the newsletter.

We got Best Display, Best Display by a Visiting Society, COC trophy, Show Champion and Reserve Champion plus several other trophies. Jonathan Littau's yellow *Paph. Memoria Rex VanDelden*, which you saw on our show table in October, garnered an FCC/AOS.

We are most grateful to Coreen Kempling, Kathryn Collins and Poul Hansen who took our plants over and arranged the display. We also thank all our members who contributed to this display. Joe Chow and I only had to work pretty hard to fit everything back into his van.

More glad thoughts: there will again be a Christmas party on Tuesday, the 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, where we can all get together to celebrate the season and share Good Fortune and Happiness.

Another good piece of news is that the Victoria Hospitals Foundation has not only (as you may have heard) agreed to be our partner for next year's spring show, but they also graciously conceded to our request in financial matters – all that you, our members, now have to do is to vote in favour of this partnership at the upcoming meeting.

See you there.

## 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.

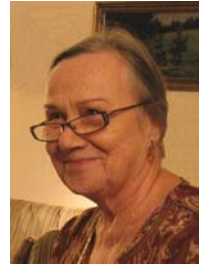
*Diana & Donna*

## 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.).

**November 22 meeting** - Two Mini-Culture presentations by Debb Ward and Diana Rowles.



*Ingrid Ostrander*

### 2011

*Nov. 22 – Culture Classes*

*De.c 13 – Xmas Party*

### 2012

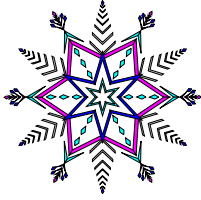
*Jan. 24– Marilyn Light – Chinese Cymbidiums*

*Feb.28 – Poul Hansen – From Seed Pod to Compot*

*Mar. 27 – Calvin Wong of Tropical Orchid Gardens*

*Ingrid*





## CHRISTMAS PARTY

Tuesday December 13, 2011

7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

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.*

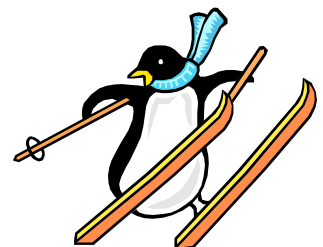
*We will have Christmas music playing in the background and there will be no business done so there won't be any plant sales, nor will the library be open.*

*It will start with a great pot luck, a sign up sheet will be passed at the November meeting. The usual things we need are main courses, salads, 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. Remember that your items should not be wrapped as people place their tickets in the bag attached to the prize that they want to win. 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

### November 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, FVOS Show & Sale

The Fraser Valley Orchid Society put on another good show this year, welcoming other societies and the public to some great displays and good sales tables.



*Sandy Harrison & FVOS Display*



*VicOS display and one of our worker bees*



*CVIOS display tables* ▲ ▼

For the first time that I can remember, it wasn't raining in Langley on that day and there was time and incentive to browse the sales tables and savour the displays. Of course, VicOS depended on hard working members to transport our plants and set up the display. Poul and Kathryn came through with flying colours once again and Coreen did a marvelous job of her first show table display. Ingrid & Joe brought the plants safely home.



Vendors had a lovely variety of plants for sale. Some new vendors had a variety of less common orchids, Forestview had its usual elegant selection and ChingHua had a well stocked table of many different orchids. Pre-ordered plants were ready, clearly identified and healthy. Brian Emery and Mike Miller brought their delicate specialties and lots of potting materials were available from Wilgro.



*Lots of healthy plants to buy!*

**A nice end to the 2011 Orchid Show scene on the West Coast**



And we did very well with our plants and the display.

**Jonathan Littau won Grand Champion and third second FCC/AOS!**

**Results for VicOS**

<b>Grand Champion</b>	<i>Paph. Rex Van Delden</i> FCC/AOS	<i>Jonathan Littau</i> ➤
<b>Reserve Grand Champion</b>	<i>C. Porcia 'Cannizaro'</i> FCC/AOS	<i>Poul Hansen</i>



*Award photo by Judith Higham*

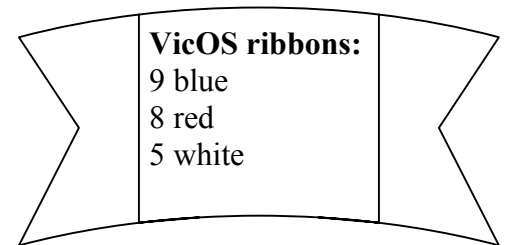
4.12-4.15	Best Phragmipedium	<i>Phrag. besseae var. flava</i>	<i>Joe Chow</i>
6.1-6.3	Best Miltonia	<i>Milt. Mario Van Peebles</i>	<i>Poul Hansen</i>
6.7-6.12	Best Other in Oncidium grp	<i>Brs. Stardust</i>	<i>Diana Rowles</i>
1.1-1.9	Best Cattleya	<i>C. labiata var. rubra</i>	<i>Jonathan Littau</i>
12.3	Best First Bloom Seedling	<i>Brs. Santa Barbara</i> <i>X Ada. keiliana</i>	<i>Poul Hansen</i>

**AOS Awards**

<i>Paph. Rex Van Delden</i> 93 pts FCC/AOS	<i>Jonathan Littau</i>
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**AOS Nominations**

<i>Masd. Monarch x Jerry Sedenko</i>	<i>Joe Chow</i>
<i>Paph. wardii</i>	<i>Don Mills</i>
<i>Phal. amboinensis</i> 'Oriental'	<i>Pat van Adrichem</i>



**Best Overall Display and Best Visiting Display - Victoria Orchid Society**  
*by Coreen Kempling & Kathryn Collins*

*(with assistance and supervision by Poul Hansen)*



**Oct 27th – Meeting**

David Morris gave an interesting slide show and talk on the MaxillariaTribe and their relatives. These included Zygopetalum, Cochleanthes, and Lycaste as well as many less well known groups. His slides were very elegant and he had useful tips for growing each group. He is taking orders for a shipment of plants that he will send when his CITES clearance comes through.



*David Morris enjoying Henk's beautiful masdevallia*

**Successful Workshops**

**November 5<sup>th</sup> Marigold Nursery workshop**

Svend Munkholm held a workshop at Marigold Nursery. Thanks to great advertising by Marigold, it was extremely well attended. Fifty-two participants were treated to snacks and Svend's orchid wisdom. Joyce Wilson and Nancy Cole assisted with information packages and organization. Unfortunately, the camera was out of batteries.

**November 12<sup>th</sup>, GardenWorks workshop**

A workshop was held at GardenWorks on a day when many people may have decided to stay inside away from the almost torrential rains. A small, but attentive group got three different perspectives from Ingrid, Geoffrey and Diana. ➤



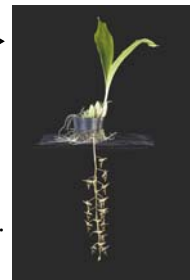
**Judging Centre News**



*Abu Salleh*

At the AOS Pacific Northwest Judging Center (Vancouver)'s Fraser Valley Orchid Society show judging on November 4, 2011, the following AOS awards were granted:

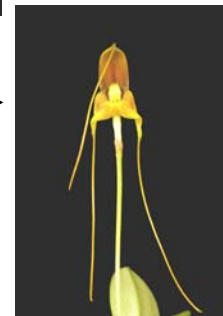
*Gongora tridentata* 'Mem. Lynne Cassidy' CHM/AOS 81pts . . . ➤  
 Note: award is provisional pending species identification  
 Exhibitor: Merv Lutes



*Maxillaria calantha* CBR/AOS  
 Note: award is provisional pending species identification . . . . . ➤  
 (and clonal name from exhibitor)  
 Exhibitor: Koichi Nakatani



*Masdevallia ivanii* 'Mem. Barbara Ann Kine' CHM/AOS 86pts . . . . . ➤  
 Note: award is provisional pending species identification  
 Exhibitor: Bryan Emery



*Photos by Judith Higham*

*Paphiopedilum Mem. Rex Van Delden 'Sunstripe'* FCC/AOS 93pts  
 (Lady Isabel x *armeniacum*) *Photo shown in Results on pg. 5*  
 Exhibitor: Jonathan Littau

Victoria Orchid Society  
Minutes of General Meeting October 25, 2011

The meeting of October 25<sup>th</sup> was held in the Garth Homer Centre. President Ingrid Ostrander called the meeting to order at 7:31 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.

**Secretary's Report:** MOTION: Noreen Taylor/Katie Horricks-King moved that the minutes of the September, 2011 meeting be approved as published in the newsletter. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Treasurer's Report:** Jane Mason presented the financial report for the month of September 2011, moved for acceptance, seconded by John Taylor. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Other Reports:**

1. **Memberships:** Joyce reported we now have 62 members and asked that everyone complete the membership form in full.
2. **AOS:** Ingrid asked how many would like to order a 2012 AOS calendar and at least 10 said "yes".
3. **COC:** They are still looking for conservation articles, and we should read their newsletter.
4. **Library:** Nancy is selling off some old books (by donation) and the old pamphlets are free.
5. **Programs for 2011:** Poul Hansen is doing "From Seed Pod to Compot" in February.
6. **Plant Sales:** Debb Ward and David Morris explained how to order plants from Clackamas. Check his website; he has applied for CITES for everything on his website but it might take 2-3 weeks or even longer before he can ship anything.
7. **Upcoming Shows:** FVOS Nov. 4-6. Plants should be delivered to Poul's Wednesday Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> with the forms completed. Poul, Coreen and Kathryn are doing the set up and Ingrid and Joe, the take down. Ingrid asked if anyone with a van would be willing to take plants to a show or bring them back but received no response.
8. **Hillside Show:** David has arranged workshops at Marigold November 5<sup>th</sup>, to be run by Svend, and one at Gardenworks on Blenkinsop November 12<sup>th</sup>, to be run by Geoff. Both will be 1-3 p.m. and other volunteers will be appreciated.
9. **Spring Show:** Art Macgregor reported the show is about the love of orchids and not always about money – raising money is a bonus. The show should be about meeting interesting people and new people, learning more about orchids and sharing our knowledge. Art wants to get more vendors and we are joining with the Victoria Hospital Foundation. The first general meeting is November 7<sup>th</sup> at Art's.

**New Business**

- Ingrid asked if anyone would be willing to host a home growing get together at their house - just to demonstrate their growing conditions and pass on some tips. Anyone interested please contact Dave McElderry. Henk said he would in the summer, Poul will, in June for his Miltonias, Art and Kathryn will also each host one.
- We are going to photograph every plant brought to the monthly show table to put on our website. Any plant brought in by 6:30 p.m. will be photographed.
- Diana Rowles created lovely thank you cards with our Miltonia logo. Art requested some for the show committee.

**Show Table:** David Morris presented the show table.

**Speaker:** Following the coffee break and prize draws, David Morris from Clackamas Orchids in Oregon gave a lovely presentation on orchids he has grown.

**Next Meeting:** 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 22nd at Garth Homer Centre.

**Adjournment:** The President declared the meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathryn Collins*



*Masdevallia veitchiana.*

## 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 November meeting from those members with last names beginning with J, K, L, and M.

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.

## 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

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



## Upcoming Shows:

Feb 24-26, 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](mailto:info@orchidsalberta.com),

March 2-4, 2012 – **VicOS Spring Show & Sale**, will be held in the Student Union Building at University of Victoria.



*Phrag Hanne Popow (schlimii 'Pink Delight' x besseae 'Inca Fire')*

## Opportunities:

**Discounts:** When planning your Christmas giving, remember your friends who are gardeners, as well as, orchid growers and 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.

- **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
- **Marigold Nursery**

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## Membership Form

For 2011 / 2012

Please print clearly

*Miltonia Venus*

*Victoria Orchid Society's Flower Emblem*

New  Renewal  Update

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Province: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation or special interest\* \_\_\_\_\_

\* optional

Enclosing a cheque for : Family membership @ \$35.00  one (1) year membership in VicOS

Single membership @ \$25.00  one (1) year membership in VicOS

Enclosing a cheque for : Family membership @ \$70.00  two (2) year membership in VicOS

Single membership @ \$50.00  two (2) year membership in VicOS

Enclosing a cheque for : Family membership @ \$105.00  three (3) year membership in VicOS

Single membership @ \$75.00  three (3) year membership in VicOS

Please order pinned name tags in my/our name @ \$9.00

Please order magnetic name tags in my/our name @ \$11.00

Make cheques payable to Victoria Orchid Society in Canadian funds.

Send to Victoria Orchid Society at 1199 Tattersall Drive, Victoria, B.C. V8P 1Y8

How many years have you been growing Orchids? \_\_\_\_\_

What are your favourite genera? \_\_\_\_\_

How many orchid plants are you growing? \_\_\_\_\_

What are your growing conditions? (check any that applies)

Greenhouse  Sq. Footage  House  Windowsill  Lights

Are you a member of the American Orchid Society? Yes  No

The yearly **Membership Directory** will be available in January. Please indicate your preferences.

Yes! I would like to be listed.

Yes, but without my telephone number.

No! I do not want to be listed.

Yes, please list my email address.

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