

Victoria Orchid Society



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Shirley Page's Phragmipedium 'Court Jester' was chosen as best plant on the display table at the September meeting.

Meetings:2010

- October 26**
- November 23**
- December 4 - Party**
- January 25**
- February 22**
- March 22**
- April 26**
- May 24**
- June 28**

Goodies for the October meeting are requested from those members with last names beginning with C, D & E.

Welcome to new members David Blundon, Dennis Kurtz, Nancy & Ian Cole, Sally McCandless, and Nancy Mayburry. We hope that you will find lots of things to enjoy with the Society this year.



Milt Hajime Ono
x Good Hope Bay

From the Editor

Please renew your membership for the 2010-2011 year if you have not already done so. If you are intending to renew at the October meeting, please fill out the form on the last page and bring it with you. It will speed up the process immensely

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).

Logo photo D.W. Smith



*Ingrid Ostrander
President*

President's Message

Welcome back to another season of *Happiness with Orchids*

Your Executives have been hard at work, trying to organize our upcoming year.

There will be meetings with interesting speakers, plant orders and plant sales, orchid shows, culture classes, show tables, summer and winter parties, greenhouse tours and good companionship all year.

Speaking of culture classes: Joe Chow has offered to hold regular sessions at 7:00 PM, just before our regular meetings, to help people with their orchid problems. We are very thankful to Joe and expect that you will make good use of his expertise. If you bring a sick orchid to be diagnosed, please, keep it inside a clear plastic bag – in isolation. Thank you!

Another happy moment came when Svend Munkholm agreed to be the chair of our 2011 spring show, March 2 – 6, 2011 at the University. Svend has been co-show chair for several years and now he will be the sole top boss! Of course, we are all going to help him. Please, don't be shy and sign up, whenever we pass those show sign-up sheets around. We shall have the first show committee meeting in October and will let you know how things are coming along.

And talking about sign-up sheets: it has been decided to again ask our members to sign in at the meetings. That way we know who comes regularly and perhaps we can gear our speaker programs to the needs of those who attend meetings. Of course, you will remember that only persons who are signed up members in our society may vote, borrow books and purchase plants from the members' sales table.

By the time you receive this newsletter, it will be cooler and I hope you will have brought your summering plants (say "orchids") inside again and cleaned off all those evil little hitchhikers. Regular Cymbidiums might enjoy some 5C nights, but watch them; the smaller oriental cymbidiums must be kept warmer. And if things go right, you will soon bring your absolutely stunning flowers to enhance our monthly show table.

See you at the meeting!

Ingrid Ostrander



*A lighter moment during Constitution and
By-law revisions meeting*

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.

October 26th general meeting: Ivan Portillo of Ecuagenera

Ivan will speak on the pollination of orchids. Ecuagenera is a massive growing operation with years of experience in growing and hybridizing orchids both native, and imported. Those of us lucky enough to go on the April tour to Ecuador were overwhelmed by his many huge greenhouses and the orchid reserves filled with glorious blooms.



Oct 31st - Workshop at Gardenworks

There will be a workshop at the Garden Works classroom on Blenkinsop Road from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. This is a chance for new members to get some hands on advice from some of our experts. Repotting and general culture advice can be directed specifically to plants brought to the workshop by participants.

Past Events

The September 28th general meeting

Bryan Emery gave an excellent presentation on Masdevallias.

There are four kinds of masdevallia requiring four different temperature ranges, therefore important to know which type yours are.



cold growing
night 4-7/day 10-16
(very hard to grow),

cool growing
night 7-12/day 10-17

intermediate growing
night 10-13/day 13-20

d) warm growing
night 16-18/day 20-27

Some important culture tips were:

- Cool nights are important for all Masdevallia, warm and wet causes rot, many books say to keep Masdevallias dry during warm spells, but in Victoria our cool nights allow us to keep our plants moist in the summer.
- Pots should be small to ensure even moisture without having soggy spots.
- Plant the orchid high in the pot, but make sure it is secure. Don't cover the base of the plant, as it needs to be exposed to air. Clay pots in damp moss trays work well for keeping even moisture in small pots.
- Use open and airy mix that is moisture retentive (1-2 parts sphagnum moss and 1 part coarse perlite work well). Don't tamp down the mix and repot every 6-12 months.
- Masdevallias need constant water and humidity. Water daily in summer, once a week in winter. 70-85% humidity is good but 50-60% is acceptable.
- Give "bight shade" – dappled about 1200 fc.
- The types with thicker leaves need more light. If leaves are dark green there is too little light, if they are pale green, they are getting too much light.
- Plants should have 55% shade from early spring to fall.
- Eyes for new growth are all around the plants (even in the center) so they are easily divided. Divisions need a minimum of five leaves.
- Do not leave plants outside as they are susceptible to aphids and Bean yellow mosaic virus. The latter is shown by silvery streaks in the new growth that turn black later. **NB** Bean yellow mosaic virus is found in many plants (beans and other vegetables as well as ornamentals like Canna lilies) and is devastating to a pleurothallid collection.

Bryan Emery, Jacamar Orchids & Aviaries

October 2nd & 3rd – VicOS Hillside Show & Sale

The Hillside Mall show was once again a success in that it looked beautiful, drew a lot of interest, and made the Society a bit of money. As usual, the success was the result of an efficient chair and hard working volunteers. These included those who managed information, security and sales, but also the set-up and take down crew.

Volunteers included:

Ingrid Ostrander, Don Mills, Joe & Wendy Chow, Kathryn Collins, Dave MacElderry, Deborah Bates, Pat Hendrickson, Rick Rancourt, Coreen Kempling, Cat & Emma Frutiger, Svend Munkhom, Joyce Wilson, Florence Davis, Noreen Taylor, Darlene Li, Art Macgregor, Blair Humphrey, Barb Judson, Donna Stuart, Margaret Hill, Nancy Cole, Jane Mason and Diana Rowles

Without the hard work of these people our shows could not happen. We will need more helpers for the Spring Show. Talk to these volunteers to find out what it is really like and join them in the spring.

Setting up



Early beginnings



Carefully placed plants



The workers



Culture tips



Detailed information



The Welcoming Committee



Multi-lingual advice



Happy in their work



New helpers



◀ *Members' Plants*
The Show Chair ▶



**Summer Awards at the monthly meetings
of the Pacific Northwest Judging Center (Vancouver):**

At the AOS Pacific Northwest Judging Center (Vancouver)'s monthly meeting on September 11, 2010, the following AOS award was granted:

Rhyncholaeliocattleya Hawaiian Satisfaction 'Romantic'
HCC/AOS 76pts
Exhibitors: Don & Nancy Miklic

Congratulations to Don & Nancy, beautiful blooms!

The AOS Pacific Northwest Judging Center (Vancouver) meets every second Saturday of the month, at 12:00 noon, at the Sea Island Community Centre, 7140 Miller Road, Richmond B.C. (Chair: Russ Volker, 604-465-8374, russvolker@gmail.com)



Photographers: Judith and Ed Higham

No plants were awarded at the October 9th meeting.

**Victoria Orchid Society
Minutes of General Meeting September 28, 2010**

The meeting of September 28, 2010 was held in the Garth Homer Centre. Vice President Pat Hendrickson called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. She welcomed everyone back, announced Nancy Miklic's resignation then asked Art Macgregor, representative of the Nominating Committee, to speak. Art announced that Ingrid Ostrander was running for president, called for other nominations, then pronounced Ingrid to be President. Art then announced that Svend Munkholm would like to be on the Executive Committee, held a vote and Svend was voted onto the Committee.

At 7:36 Ingrid Ostrander took the chair and thanked everyone for their confidence. She asked if there were any guests – we had Karen from Calgary; Susan, a past member from 10 years ago; Heather and Chris; and Dusty and Mark. We also have a new member, David Blundon.

Secretary's Report: MOTION: Noreen Taylor/Ross Jackson moved that the minutes of the June 2010 meeting be approved as published in the newsletter.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Treasurer's Report: Jane Mason presented the financial reports for the month of June and July, 2010, moved for acceptance, seconded by Diana Rowles.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Executive Report:

1. **AOS:** Jonathan announced the upcoming meeting in Virginia Beach, Virginia for AOS members and requested everyone to complete one of the AOS questionnaires.
2. **COC:** Art had nothing to report but told us the next meeting will be during the Alberta spring show.
3. **Library:** Pat Hendrickson needs to do an inventory, so please return all books.

4. **Membership:** Joyce Wilson asked everyone to renew today. Coreen Kempling was assisting Joyce, thank you.
5. **Plants:** Debb Ward told us to order plants from Floralia in Brazil, take the price on their website and multiply times 1.3 and give Joe Chow the money next month. Mike Miller of CVIOS is in charge of the order.
6. **Plant Sales:** Thank you Rick for helping out.
7. **Prize Draw:** We have lots of draw prizes.
8. **Upcoming Shows:** Hillside show is this weekend – set up starts at 8 PM Friday. Volunteer sheet is being passed around. Fraser Valley show is October 21 – 24. Take your plants to Kathryn Collins or Ingrid's on Wednesday October 20 and pick them up the following Monday. Ingrid gave instructions on preparing plants for shows. Please be sure to water your plant well and that your name is in the pot and anything else you are sending over. Fraser Valley is requesting early registration via email so they can try computerized registration. Our spring show is in March and we have another show/sale at Tillicum Centre April 30-May 1st.
9. **Work Shop:** We have a workshop October 31st at Gardenworks on Blenkinsop.
10. **Food:** Lioba is away so Noreen is looking after us tonight – thank you Noreen!
11. **Newsletter:** Thank you Diana for lovely photo's etc.

New Business:

1. **Certificate:** Florence Davis was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for hosting our annual BBQ.
2. **Awards:** Don and Nancy Miklic have received an HCC/AOS for their Rlc. Hawaiian Satisfaction 'Romantic'.
3. **Virus Kits:** We are placing an order for virus kits – they are good for 1 year and cost \$8.00 each. Please let Diana know if you want any.

Report from Executive Meeting:

1. **Judges Travel Fund:** Will be deliberated further.
2. **Revision of by-laws:** We have a committee finalizing the by-laws.
3. **Shows:** Many shows are planned, next is Fraser Valley OS with others occurring in 2011.
4. **Next Executive Committee meeting** will be held at Ingrid's Tuesdays, October 5th at 7 PM.

Ingrid gave Art his Past President's pin and requested a motion to include him on the Executive. Bryan Emery/Noreen Taylor moved that Art be named Second Vice President on the Executive Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Show Table: Debb Ward and Bryan Emery presented the show table.

Speaker: Following the coffee break and prize draws, Bryan Emery gave a talk and slide show on Masdevallias.

Next Meeting: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 26th, 2010 at Garth Homer Centre.

Adjournment: The President declared the meeting adjourned at 9:55 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 C, D, & E are asked to bring goodies to the October meeting.

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). Businesses are defined here as those with a PST number.

The Society's mailing Address is 1199 Tattersall Drive, Victoria, B.C. V8P 1Y8.



*Phal Brother Spring
Dancer 'Little Angel'*

Who Does What?

President	➤ Ingrid Ostrander	Membership Chair	➤ Joyce Wilson
Vice-president	➤ Pat Hendrickson	Library Committee	➤ Pat Hendrickson
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
	➤ 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

Oct 22-24. - The Fraser Valley Orchid Society Show is always an interesting show with lots of nice plants for sale from a large number of vendors. VicOS will have a display table, as usual, and we are encouraging members to send plants that are in bloom. As usual, the drop-off places for plants going to the show, will be Kathryn Collins' house (195 Maddock Avenue W) and Ingrid Ostrander's house (7005 Brentwood Bay). They need to be delivered to these sites on Wednesday, Oct 20th and picked up the following Monday. As Patrick is setting up the VicOS display, it would be a great help if you could let him know what plants you will be sending to the show. I sent out an email making this request, yesterday.

Here is information on the process for registering plants for the Fraser Valley Show:

We are trying to do our registration by computer this year so please encourage your members to register early either on line or by mail to me at # 48-21848-50th. Ave. Langley, B.C. V3A 8A9. (at least a week before the show). We can delete entries at the last minute if the plant does not cooperate, but at least we can put all the exhibitors information in ahead of time. Thank you so much and we look forward to seeing you at the show.

Dianne Gillis
djgillis@shaw.ca

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, or check the OSA website, www.orchidsalberta.com

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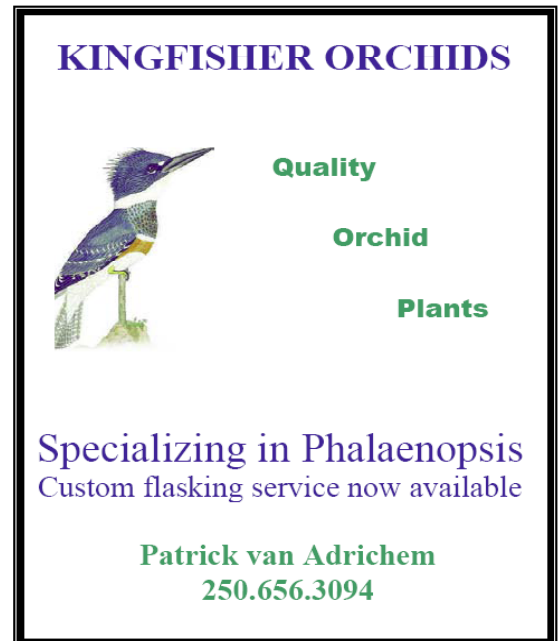
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For 2010 / 2011

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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

Am enclosing a cheque for : Family membership @ \$30.00

Single membership @ \$20.00

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.

The monthly newsletter

I wish to receive the newsletter by email - sent in PDF format and blind copied to recipients

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