

Victoria Orchid Society



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Rick Rancourt's beautiful Onc. Moon Shadow was voted first choice on the display table at the September general meeting.

Meetings:
Fall 2012
 Oct. 23
 Nov. 27
 Dec.11 Xmas party

Members with last names starting with **M, N, & O** are asked to bring goodies for the October meeting.

Welcome to new members
Robert Chase and Brian Hollingshead

From the Editor

The rains have come, the sun has gone. Aren't you glad that you can bring the sun back all winter long with your lovely, blooming orchids? I have heard people complain that their orchids don't bloom much in the summer months, but perhaps it is a good thing that so many orchids bloom in our winter months (with a little help from their friends). Enjoy a happy blooming winter, starting with the Fraser Valley show this month.

Put aside the night of December 11th for the VicOS Christmas Party. It is always a great event, with lots of prize draw items and great food, provided by members. You have no idea how many great cooks we have in this organization. More details to come in the November newsletter.

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

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.

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. Rowles

President's Message

Welcome back to our regular Victoria winter weather! At least, we don't need to worry about rhododendron leaves turning yellow anymore with all that welcome moisture!

If you had any orchids (in pots) outside, better bring them inside now - and give them light! Many of our outdoor orchids may need to be sheltered a bit from too much moisture, particularly the Pleiones.



Ingrid Ostrander

At the last executive meeting, we discussed having Abigail's Hotel on McClure Street between Quadra and Vancouver Streets as our designated overnigher with commercial rates available to all guests from Victoria OS members. By the time you read this, the Fraser Valley show in Langley will have come and gone and I hope many of our members' plants will have received recognition. Thank you to all who contributed plants and, especially, to the set-up and take-down teams.

Upcoming programmes
Oct.- Peter Lin on Phals from Texas
Nov.- Jonathan Littau Vandas

The AOS Christmas calendars have arrived; they make lovely gifts, with very unusual orchid photos. Come and get them now - we only ordered 24 of them. The Canadian Orchid Congress (COC) is now on face book - the name is "Orchid Journal" and in it you will find information about things Canadian in the orchid world.

Of course, this is the time of year when we renew our memberships in the Victoria orchid society: a single membership will cost you \$ 25.00 and for a whole family, it is only \$ 35.00. As most of you know, being a member brings you many perks and privileges, not the least is the monthly speaker program. The October meeting will feature Mr. Peter Lin from Texas, who is an expert in Phalaenopsis and will have phal flasks for sale. So come and join the fun!

Ingrid Ostrander

Reminders:

Renew your membership. The form is on back page. Filling it out before the meeting will help speed up the renewal process. Thank you.

Members' Sales Plants Procedure:

All Members of the Victoria Orchid Society are welcome to bring their surplus plants to the sales table at the monthly meeting for other members to purchase. They are expected to bring clean and healthy plants to sell, with two labels in the pot: one with the name of the plant, the other with the price and the seller's name.

The society will take a 15% commission of the price you put on your plant.

We will have one or two persons there who will look after the sales. Please, use clean labels to help the sales person keep accurate records. Any plant that is not sold will, of course, go home with you. After the meeting, our treasurer will mail you a cheque for the plants that have been sold. We suggest that you keep a list of the plants you bring to the sales table, with their price, in order to help you keep track.

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. There is a presentation of the plants on the display table, 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 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.).



October 23rd, General Meeting, Peter Lin will speak on Phalaenopsis

Peter Lin is an avid orchid collector and hybridizer, originally from Taiwan but currently residing in Texas. He started growing orchids over 30 years ago, and then turned his orchid growing into hybridizing. He started his company, Big Leaf Orchids, in 1996 to increase the variety in his own collection and to be able to buy plants wholesale.

Peter took trips to Taiwan to see in person the latest Phalaenopsis development, and to hand select new varieties to add to his hybridizing, as well as to provide more variety for his customers.



Dtps. Hatsuyuki Nagoriyuki

Peter specializes in Phalaenopsis orchids because of their long lasting flowers, 2 to 3 months indoor and longer in a temperature-controlled greenhouse. He has received numerous AOS awards, very prestigious honors for orchids. Besides ✨Phalaenopsis, he also keeps a few other orchids like Cattleya, Paphiopedilum, and Vanda, just for fun.

In his hybridizing, Peter focuses on fragrant, waxy texture, and colorful flowers. This type of Phalaenopsis also tends to be compact with shorter inflorescences. They are more suitable for indoor, under light culture and are more practical to ship.

October 18, 19, 20 & 21 - Fraser Valley Orchid Society Show and Sale, *At Home with Orchids*

George Preston Recreation Centre, 20699 – 42 Ave., Langley, BC

This show is always has great displays and many vendors. It is well worth the trip to the mainland. Instructions for registering plants for the show have already gone out to all our members. If you have lost them, or don't remember getting them, contact me and I will send them again.

See schedule details on page 8



*2011 Fraser Valley Show
VicOS Display with Coreen & Poul*

Past Events

September 25th meeting: Rick Rancourt and Noreen Taylor gave a very interesting talk, "**Home Orchid Growing Under Lights**". Noreen grows her orchids on windowsills with artificial light added and Rick has turned his basement into an efficient "grow op" (only for orchids of course).

The pictures below show Rick's set up: lovely, clean hard plastic stands, carefully organized heating and air circulation systems, and, as his lights are hung on chains from the ceiling, they can easily be adjusted to different heights as desired. An impressive set-up that often produces the best plants on the display table (last month and this month's choices).



Rick examines *Masd.* Frosty Man 'Wayne's Gift' AM/AOS, a little plant flourishing in his care. ▼



Jill Livesey has a new greenhouse

Jill has taken over many lovely orchids from her father's greenhouses. While he had massive greenhouses housing flowers of all kinds, Jill has made a cosy home for orchids only. With assistance from Poul and other VicOS members, Jill has now a state of the art orchid greenhouse.

Already it has many bright blooms.



All the systems and fixtures are efficiently organized and accessible.



Her evaporative cooler will easily handle next year's heat wave.



We look forward to seeing her plants on the display table!

Judging center news

At the monthly judging on September 8, 2012, the following AOS awards were granted:

Phragmipedium Grande 'Erik' CCM/AOS 84pts
(*Phragmipedium caudatum* x *Phragmipedium longifolium*)
Exhibitor: Poul Hansen

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Victoria Orchid Society Minutes of General Meeting September 25, 2012

The meeting of September 25th was held in the Garth Homer Centre. President Ingrid Ostrander called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Ingrid welcomed all members, new and old and asked Jon DeLaurier and Debb Ward to present the show table. Ken Johnson was our guest for a short while and Rob Chase and Brian Hollingshead joined the society as new members.

Secretary's Report: MOTION: Geoff Haywood/Noreen Taylor moved that the minutes of the June 2012 meeting be approved as published in the newsletter.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Treasurer's Report: Jane presented the financial reports for the months of June, July and August 2012, moved for acceptance, seconded by Nancy Cole.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Other Reports:

1. Membership: 20 members have signed up for the new year and Devin Fenwick will be assisting Joyce.
2. AOS: There have been several awards to our members since the June newsletter – congratulations!
3. COC: Will be held at the Burlington Show October 26/27 and they are looking for a secretary and a western Canada V.P.
4. Library: Nancy reminded everyone we get monthly magazines and they are worth checking out. Kristi Leon will be assisting Nancy with the library. Our new book, *Discovering New World Orchids*, took 18 years to compile and is both entertaining and historically interesting.
5. Culture Meetings/Open House: Thanks to Geoff, Debb, Joe and Art for hosting summer open houses. The workshop at Ingrid's went well with eight members attending. Ingrid asked if anyone would like to host an open house or workshop.
6. Plant Orders: *Clackamas* is still trying to get their order finalized. *Ecuagenera* changed the deadline for ordering plants to be picked up at the Fraser Valley show from October 1st to September 24th. Anyone who was planning on placing an order but hasn't done so should do it immediately.
7. Prize Draw: Don't forget there is a free ticket for anyone naming the designated Surprise Orchid from the newsletter. Today we have free passes to *Butterfly Gardens*.

8. Programs: Joe said Peter Lin from Texas will be bringing Phalaenopsis next month. In November our Jonathan Littau will be talking on Vandas. Sam Tsui from Bloomington, Ill. will be our March speaker and we are hoping to get Richard Fraser from *Fraser's Thimble Farms* from Salt Spring Island for another session. Next September, we have Glen Decker from *Piping Rock Orchids*.
9. Shows: The Fraser Valley show in Langley is October 18-21. Please drop off your plants on Oct. 17 at Nancy Cole's or Kathryn Collin's and please send a list of any plants you expect to enter to djgillis@shaw.ca as early as possible before the show. Portland has a very big show and everyone is welcome.
10. Spring Show: Art is arranging an affiliation with *Victoria Hospital Foundation* again and the venue will be University of Victoria.
11. Supply Sales: Catherine now has clear pots for us.
12. Website: Mike Sparrow of the *Indoor Jungle* on Quadra across from the Fairway store is advertising with us – please give him your business and tell him you are a VicOS member.

New Business

- *BC Garden Club* is holding its annual meeting next month.
- Lioba will be away in January and Noreen has volunteered to fill in for her.
- Blair will now be looking after our face book site as well as our website.
- The *Flower Arrangers' Guild* is holding a show Nov. 2 & 3 at Cadboro Bay United Church, 2625 Arbutus Rd. Admission is \$8.00.
- The Horticulture Centre has classes starting this fall – see their website gardeninfo@hcp.ca.
- A conservation group in Laos invited us to join but we opted for local conservation instead. Their website is vientianeorchidees.com/en/ and they also offer treks.

Program: Noreen Taylor and Rick Rancourt gave a very informative lecture on growing indoors under lights.

Next Meeting: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 23th at Garth Homer Centre.

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

Respectfully Submitted, Kathryn Collins

Upcoming Shows

October 18, 19, 20 & 21 - Fraser Valley Orchid Society Show and Sale, *At Home with Orchids*

George Preston Recreation Centre, 20699 – 42 Ave., Langley, BC

Thursday, October 18th with the set up and registration

- **9:00 am to 12:00 noon** – floor plan and table set-up and arrangement
- **12:00 noon to 8:00 pm** – display set-up and plant registration
- **9:00 pm** – display area closes – community centre closes

Friday, October 19th

- **9:00 am - 12 noon** Ribbon Judging / **1:15 pm** AOS Judging
- **6:30 pm** - Dinner & Awards / Orchid Market opens from **8:00 pm to 10:00 pm**

Saturday, October 20 • Show and sale continues from **9:00 am to 5:00 pm**

Sunday, October 21 • Show and sale continues from **10:00 am to 4:00 pm**, when tear down begins.



▲ Bryan's sale table
A nice Phal display ▼





Coel pandurata

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 M, N & O for 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.

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, 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
	➤ Noreen Taylor	Culture Classes	➤ Dave McElderry
	➤ Nancy Cole	Web Page	➤ Blair Humphrey
	➤ John Taylor	Plant Photos	➤ Diana Rowles, Donna Stuart
	➤ Dave McElderry	Fall Show Chair	➤ Dave McElderry
	➤ Kristi Leon	Programs	➤ Joe Chow
	➤ Devin Fenwick	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
		Promotion Rep	➤ John Taylor

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

Opportunities

November 13-18, 2012. Celebrate Orchids, Celebrate Life!

Portland Orchid Society AOS Members Meeting and Show will be held at the Doubletree by Hilton Portland, Oregon. A great line up of speakers and vendors are planned.

For more information and registration, visit www.portlandorchidsociety.com.

The Victoria Flower Arrangers' Show, November 2nd & 3rd.

Besides getting to see many fabulous arrangements it will also be a great source for inspiration if you're looking for tips and supplies to get decorating or figuring out gifts for the holidays. This year's theme of *festive holiday homes* is all about 'decking the halls' and gifts from your own garden.

<https://sites.google.com/site/victoriaflowerarrangersguild/>

HCP Education and Training

The *Horticulture Centre of the Pacific* is offering a number of courses, ranging from *Plant Identification and Culture* through *Advanced Pruning* and *Pesticide Training*. Some span a few weeks and other run for the whole year. For more information, check out their website at: hcp.ca.

The *Canadian Orchid Congress* website is a great place to find information on orchid culture, identification and activities in the orchid world. www.canadianorchidcongress.ca.

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Membership Form

For 2012 / 2013

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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

Enclosing a cheque for : Family membership @ \$35.00 one (1) year membership in VicOS
Single membership @ \$25.00 one (1) 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 apply)

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 so we act accordingly.

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 **VicOS newsletter** is sent out by email once a month in PDF format and blind copied to recipients.

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