

## **Benefits of membership in the Victoria Orchid Society**

First of all, you will be joining a group of interesting people who enjoy growing orchids. Many of our group are experts in this field and you can always ask somebody for advice.

You can also borrow from our vast library: we have books old and new, CD's and DVD's, magazines and research materials.

As a Vic.OS member, you may sell your surplus plants at meeting and at shows; the society only takes a 15% commission.

Members will be able to join in plant orders from speakers or special offerings – even from abroad.

The following merchants will give our members a 10% discount on most items, excepting bulk purchases, which are already costing less. Just show your membership card before asking for the bill.

- Borden Mercantile Co. Ltd., 3960 Borden Ave.
- Dig This, 128-560 Johnson St; 1990 Oak Bay Ave.; 480-777 Royal Oak Dr.
- Garden Works, 4290 Blenkinsop Rd.; 1916 Oak Bay Ave.
- Integrity Sales, 2180 Keating Xroad
- Buckerfields, 1070 Keating Xroad
- Urban Oasis Horticultural Services, 4649 W. Saanich Rd.

During the summer, we offer visits to other members' growing areas, be they greenhouses, sunrooms, basements, garages or living rooms. From this, we can learn what works best for any given plant.

Sometimes, our members join together for a bus trip to a show out of town or to some other growers or nurseries farther afield.

Of course, we always welcome guests at our meetings, but they do not receive any of the above mentioned benefits – those are for members only.