



# Victoria Orchid Society



***This elegant Pleurothallis maduroi 'Mem. Ken Girard', grown by Bryan Emery, was voted the best plant on the display table at the November meeting.***

*Welcome to new member, Stephanie Cunningham, who has already contributed to the Society by helping with the prize draw table at the Christmas Party.*

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**From the Editor**



***Dracula bella***

Welcome to the New Year! May it be filled with beautiful orchids, exciting events and new friendships. We have some exciting speakers lined up and a beautiful show that is well underway. Members who would like to become more involved with the show should contact Barb Davies ([bygord@telus.net](mailto:bygord@telus.net)). See more on page 4

*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)).*

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**2019 Meetings:**

***Spring  
January 28<sup>th</sup>  
February 25<sup>th</sup>  
March 25<sup>th</sup>  
April 22<sup>nd</sup>  
May 27<sup>th</sup>  
June 24<sup>th</sup>***

Members with last names starting with **D, E, & F** are asked to bring goodies for the January meeting.

## President's Message

Well, here we are in the New Year, with many interesting speakers and events coming up, not the least of which is the annual show in March. As in the past, it will definitely be a major highlight of the society's year.



John Taylor

I'm sure many of you, like me, are still recovering from the Christmas holidays and still collecting up all the decorations, lights and ornaments for boxing and storing in the basement for another year. And in spite of it being disturbingly dark outside, I have gradually been spending more and more time in the greenhouse watering, cleaning and potting.

Speaking of Christmas decorations, it should be said that there are orchids that bloom specifically at this time of year in addition to the ubiquitous *Phalaenopsis*. One of my favourite groups of orchids are the *Angraecums*, not the least because some years ago I had the chance to visit Madagascar where by far the majority of the more spectacular *Angraecums* are found. Perhaps the most famous of them all is *A. sesquipedale* which is also called the Christmas orchid and the Star of Bethlehem orchid for the obvious reason that, in bloom, it forms a spectacular white star and it blooms almost invariably at Christmas. I have a similar variety, *A. bosseri* which never fails to bloom at this time of year: a gorgeous star five inches across and a captivating scent on Christmas Day. For those who are not familiar with *A. sesquipedale*'s fascinating history, it was originally called 'sesquipedale' based on the length of its very long nectar spur: sesquipedale = foot and a half. The spur is not quite that long, but close. Charles Darwin predicted a pollinating moth would be found with a proboscis long enough to take advantage of the nectar at the bottom of the spur, and, subsequently, such a moth was found - some 21 years after Darwin's death!

Two of my *Cattleyas* (*C. trianae* and *C. percivaliana*) are also going into the flowering mode. Both are forming big fat buds with a promise to bloom very soon. Each of them has also been called the 'Christmas Orchid' as a common name.

John Taylor

## Upcoming Events:

The monthly meeting of the Victoria Orchid Society is held on the fourth Monday of every month except July, August and December, starting at 7:30 p.m. The plants on the display table are presented by experts, followed by a short business meeting, a coffee break with a prize draw of plants and orchid related material, and a featured presentation. The meeting ends at about 10:00 p.m. Often there is a pre-meeting workshop or Question & Answer session from 6:45-7:30 p.m. The pre-meeting workshop for January will be given by Ingrid Ostrander. She will explain BCOC Flower Classes and how to classify your orchids for shows.

**January 28<sup>th</sup> – General meeting:** Ribbon Judging - Poul Hansen & Jill Livesey will demonstrate what is involved in judging orchids for ribbons. This is quite different from the AOS award judging and is a pleasurable and educational activity at our orchid show each year.

**February 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> – CVIOS Show & Sale.** – See page 10 for information and instructions.

### Spring 2019

**January 28<sup>th</sup> – Poul Hansen & Jill Livesey – Ribbon Judging**

**February 25<sup>th</sup> Mitch Nickel – How to Identify and Exploit Microclimates in your Growing Areas**

**March 3 - 4 – Orchid Show & Sale**

**March 25<sup>th</sup> – John Taylor – Madagascar: the Country and the Orchids**

**April 22<sup>nd</sup> Orchid Auction**

**May 27<sup>th</sup> – Alexey Tretyakov – Orchid Nutrition, part 2**

**June 24- Alan Koch – Gold Country Orchids, USA – Species, Habitat and Hybrid Culture**

## March 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> -Victoria Orchid Society Show & Sale, *Worldwide Beauties*

The annual Victoria Orchid Society Orchid Show & Sale is coming up fast. Posters have been printed and will be available at the January meeting. Wide distribution of the poster is important to remind our yearly attendees as well as to introduce the show to those who have not yet been to a show. We usually get between 800 and 900 people coming through the show over the two days, depending on the weather.

Please pick up some posters and coupons at the meeting. We have found that the most effective way to reach a wide local audience is distribution by individual members. If each person takes a few posters to businesses that they use frequently – hairdressers, restaurants, butcher shops, bakeries, pharmacies, spas and yoga centres, we attract new visitors who may not ever have thought of going to an orchid show. \$Off coupons will be available for distribution. Many places that take posters will also take some coupons to leave on their counters.

Delivering the posters also provides members with an opportunity to ask businesses to contribute to the silent auction which is held each year at the show. Many businesses are prepared to offer items or gift certificates. Their names are listed as donors on the web site and at the silent auction table.



### Volunteers for the Show:



The VicOS Show & Sale is run by volunteers, both in preparation and in execution. The delivery of posters and the collection of items for the silent auction are only two of the activities for which we depend on our members. On the three days of the show, there are many tasks that need to be done, from setting up the display and registering the plants to taking a shift or two (2 hours) at one of the stations that manage the actual running of the show. A lot of it involves sitting down.



A show timetable for volunteers will be passed around at the January meeting along with information of what the tasks entail. Please check your calendar for March 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> and sign up where you think you will be able to help. It is not written in stone and times can be re-negotiated closer to the show. Emails will be sent around in early February to encourage people to fill vacant spots. Anyone who would like to help with the preparation ahead of the show, please contact Barb Davies ([bygord@shaw.ca](mailto:bygord@shaw.ca)).





The tasks that need to be managed at the show include: **Admissions** (selling tickets for entry), **Security** (checking plants are not stolen or damaged), **Information** (general information about the show and sending people with culture questions to the right people), **Cashier** and **Plant Checker/bagger** (the Checker collects the price stick for the plant for the Cashier and then bags the plant for the buyer). And then, of course, there is always set-up and clean-up.



You will find that participating in the show activities is a great experience. All tasks are done in pairs and you get to meet new people and learn lots of things about orchids. You are also on the spot to get an early look at the orchid sales.

There will also be a sign-up sheet where people can sign up to **Sponsor** a flower class to provide a *Best of Class* rosette for the plant judged best in each class. This is different from AOS judging and awards. Members will work in teams to look at the flowers in a class and decide which plant is the most attractive example of the group. Poul Hansen and Jill Livesey will be demonstrating how plants are judged in ribbon judging. It is a nice experience to work in a team this way and it helps people to understand what they should look for when buying an orchid. These ribbon awards are made at the **Friday evening party** where food is served and we get to celebrate the work done by the grower and by the ribbon judges.



In the pre-meeting workshop, Ingrid will be showing people how to make out their entry forms for the plants that they are putting into the show display. This is important knowledge that will help the registration people to accurately identify the names of the plants and the classes into which they fit.



**Resulting in this!**



## Past Events

**November 26<sup>th</sup> general meeting:** Debb Ward presented “Thrips & Pitfalls”, giving a lot of useful tips for keeping your orchids happy and healthy.

## Judging news:



*Abu Saleh*

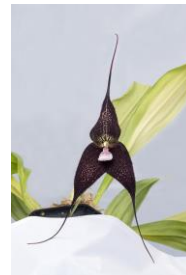
Please note that all awards are considered provisional until paperwork and payment is processed by AOS and published in Orchids Plus.

At the AOS Western Canada Judging Center’s judging at the Fraser Valley Orchid Society Show on October 27, 2018, the following AOS awards were granted:

*Masdevallia* Confetti ‘Spikenard’ CCE/AOS 90pts  
(*Masdevallia strobilii* x *Masdevallia glandulosa*)  
Exhibitor: Rick Rancourt



*Dracuvallia* Melissa Tan ‘Kittiwake’ HCC/AOS 79pts  
(*Dracuvallia Gualaquiza* x *Dracula roezlii*)  
Exhibitor: Leda Bower  
\* award provisional pending species identification  
by SITF (as *Dracula roezlii*)



*Paphiopedilum* Sander’s Pride ‘Memoria L. I. Glizer’ AM/AOS 88pts  
(*Paphiopedilum sanderianum* x *Paphiopedilum stonei*)  
Exhibitor: Silvia Fabry



*Photos by Judith Higham*

At the AOS Western Canada Judging Center’s monthly judging on November 10, 2018, the following AOS award was granted:

*Phalaenopsis* LD’s Bear Queen ‘Green Eagle’ AM/AOS 82pts  
(*Phalaenopsis bellina* x *Phalaenopsis Dragon Tree Eagle*)  
Exhibitor: Pat Van Adrichem | Kingfisher Orchids



*Photos by Judith Higham,*

At the AOS Western Canada Judging Center's monthly judging on October 27, 2018 in conjunction with the Fraser Valley Orchid Society Show, the following AOS award was granted:

*Paphiopedilum wilhelminae* 'Ibn's Magic Touch' FCC/AOS 90pts  
Exhibitor: Sasha Kubicek

*Photos by Judith Higham*



At the AOS Western Canada Judging Center's monthly judging on December 8, 2018, no AOS awards were granted.

### **Chair's Summary:**

We had an exciting 2018 of orchid judging activities, our first complete calendar year as Western Canada Judging Center. We had an amazing year and a big thank you to all the judges, photographers and judging personnel, and most of all, exhibitors for coming to our monthly judgments and exhibiting in society show displays this year. Because of your contribution, we get to see and experience a great variety of plant material because of all of your support! The splitting up of our monthly judging venue between Sea Island (Richmond) and Swan Lake (Victoria) allow exhibitors on the mainland as well as the island easier access to AOS judgments and we benefit from more plant material.

Here are some number for 2018:

- 186 plants submitted at monthly judgments
- 66 plants nominated with 17 AOS awards granted
- 1502 plants submitted at show judgments and outreach judgments
- 67 plants nominated with 26 AOS awards granted

We are definitely looking forward to an exciting 2019 with a continuation of your support!

If you are an AOS affiliated society and want to schedule an AOS Outreach Judging as a society monthly meeting program in 2019, please contact me and we will make it happen!

The AOS Western Canada Judging Center meets every second Saturday of the month at 11:30am, except where noted

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Next two monthly meetings:

- January 12, 2019 : 11:30am at Swan Lake Christmas Hill Nature Sanctuary, 3873 Swan Lake Road, Victoria BC
- February 1, 2019 : 2:00pm (after CVIOS Show Judging) at Nanaimo North Town Centre, 4750 Rutherford Road, Nanaimo BC



## December 10<sup>th</sup> Christmas Party

The Christmas party was well attended, with a lovely display table and lots of good things on the prize draw table. There was a delicious, varied menu resulting from the pot luck contributions and some wonderful desserts.



*Poul & Don present the Display Table*



*Stephanie hands out prizes*



*The Quiz*



*Prize Draw Table*





*Den. Hibiki 'Paulwela' AM/AOS*

## Victoria Orchid Society

### Minutes of General Meeting, November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018

The General Meeting of November 26, 2018 was held at the Gordon Head United Church Hall. President John Taylor called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. after a working microphone was available. Ingrid Ostrander presented the Show table.

**Treasurer's report:** Jill Livesey presented her financial report for the month of October, 2018 and moved for acceptance, seconded by Elsie Gerdes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Jill also reported that she has paid for our AOS membership as well as the COC insurance for 2019.

**Secretary's report:** Ingrid Ostrander moved and Poul Hansen seconded, that the minutes from the October General meeting be approved as published in the newsletter.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Barb reported that she had sent out Thank you cards to both Sasha Kubicek and Leda Boyes for their hosting our guest speakers in September and October respectively. She also sent a condolence card to Jane Mason for the recent loss of her father.

Barb asked members to sign the food sheet for next month's Christmas potluck dinner on December 10th. The sheet will be passed around.

#### **Other Reports:**

***AOS:*** John reminded everyone the next judging will be in Richmond on December 8, 2018.

***Membership:*** Kathryn reported there are currently 69 members.

***Plant sales:*** Coreen has plants for sale, as well as some free moss available.

***Program:*** John reviewed the programs for the next three months, as Rod is away tonight.

December 10th – Christmas Party; January 28-Poul Hansen and Jill Livesey-“Ribbon Judging”

February 25 – Mitch Nickel – “How to identify and exploit microclimates in your growing area”

***Spring Show:*** Barb gave an update on the show: invitations out to vendors and other societies and having heard back from Paramount, Forestview, Brad Taylor, Melanie Gallacher (VOS).

***Social Media:*** Kathryn spoke on Facebook and her reasons for the recent changes of going back to the type of Facebook where members could post pictures of their plants, make comments and request information from other orchid growers.

John spoke about the ongoing negative remarks being communicated and asked for this to stop and he read an email from Jane Mason, with her permission, voicing her concerns about a recent email that was circulated to some of the members. Andrea Vernon voiced her thoughts on the Society and role of various members, stating she appreciates the support she has received from different individuals. Elsie Gerdes also spoke on the need for members of a Society to work together.

#### **New Business:**

Joe Chow explained that we need to have another by-election following the resignation of Rod Crutcher and Catherine Frutiger last month. He put forth the names of three members willing to stand. They are: Catharine Schlenker, Blair Humphrey and Joyce Wilson. Joe called for nominations from the floor and received none. He therefore declared all three people elected.

#### **Program:**

John introduced Debb Ward, who spoke on “Thrips and Pitfalls”. John thanked Debb for her informative talk.

Adjournment: The President declared the meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Davies



## Society Information

Meetings are held at the Gordon Head United Church Hall, 4201 Tyndall Avenue, Victoria, B.C. on the fourth Monday of the month. Members are encouraged to bring 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 sales table where plants brought in by members may be purchased. There is often a pre-meeting, basic workshop from 6:45 – 7:30 p.m. 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 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 **D, E, & F** for the January 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.

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 (\$15.00 per fiscal year), \$5.00 per month to non-member businesses (\$40.00 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 195 Maddock Avenue West, Victoria, B.C. V9A 1G5.

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*Phragmipedium Joan Montmorency*



*Epidendrum Joseph Lii 'Kultana'*

## Reminders & Opportunities

**Special Request:** Our speaker for the February 25<sup>th</sup> meeting, Mitch Nickle, speaking on *How to Identify and Exploit Microclimates in your Growing Areas* has a special request to make of our membership: "I grow mainly *Oncidium* alliance and *Dendrobium*. I am particularly obsessed with the genus *Cyrtorchilum*, but these plants are almost impossible to find! If any VicOS members have plants of *Cyrtorchilum* species or hybrids they are willing to part with, I would be very happy to pay for them at the meeting." ([taylor.blayz@gmail.com](mailto:taylor.blayz@gmail.com))

**Dig This** in Broadmead has a position open for an enthusiastic gardener to assist customers. Contact Louise Berry ([louisepb63@gmail.com](mailto:louisepb63@gmail.com)).

**The CVOS Orchid Show & Sale** will be held at Nanaimo North Town Centre, 4750 Rutherford Road on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup>

### Show Hours:

Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> 9:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

*The Show will include AOS judging, a silent auction and potting by donation on Saturday and Sunday*

We are currently trying to get someone to take our plants to Nanaimo on Thursday, January 31<sup>st</sup> and set up a VicOS display for this show, but have not yet been successful. If anyone can help, please contact Kathryn Collins ([kathryncollins@shaw.ca](mailto:kathryncollins@shaw.ca)) or Diana ([enviroed@telus.net](mailto:enviroed@telus.net)). Otherwise we will have to skip our attendance at the CVIOS show this year.

## Classifieds



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## What's in bloom in the Orchid Collection

### *Miltonia [Milt.] moreliana*

Found in Venezuela and southeastern Bahia, Espiritu Santo, Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo states of Brazil as a medium sized, hot to cool growing epiphyte at about 2600 ft. (800 m). For years, this species has been known as *Miltonia spectabilis* var *moreliana* and even though the current name was described in 1848, it has just become accepted as a separate species.

It is named after Morel's nursery that flourished in Paris in the early 1800's.

It is grown in our intermediate greenhouse with a western exposure.



### *Phalaenopsis [Phal.] cornu-cervi f chatteladae*

This is the first *Phalaenopsis* featured in this column, which was a surprise to me. Also, this is not what most people think off as a *Phalaenopsis* as it looks nothing like the ones for sales in the local supermarkets.

*Phalaenopsis* is a vandaceous genus comprised of 93, mostly epiphytic and some lithophytic, species spread throughout almost all of Asia, east of India and the Pacific to the Philippines and south to Australia.

The genus name refers to the flowers being similar to moths and therefore plants are also known generally as moth orchids.

This particular species is widespread from northeast India through Burma, Thailand, Malaya, Sumatra, Java, and Borneo. It is commonly known as the Deer Antlered *Phalaenopsis*. The plants may be found growing on rocks or tree roots on steep hillsides or in the dense, humid shade of trees which protect it from drying winds. It produces fragrant flowers singly in succession over several months, each flower lasting about 2 weeks. The flowers have a lot of variation from almost pure yellow to deep purple shown here. The flowers in between these two extremes are either yellow with purple spotting or purple with yellow spotting depending which end of the spectrum they are closest to.

This plant was purchased by the OSPF in October 2016.





***Cattleya [C.] jenmanii 10011A***

This species was named after George Samuel Jenman (1845 to 1902) who was the Government Botanist and superintendent of Guyana Botanical Garden from 1879 to 1902.

It is found in Guyana and Venezuela growing in patches of forest that dot an otherwise open, grassy savanna, so plants are exposed to strong light and good air movement.

A relatively small *Cattleya* (25–30 cm high), it produces large (12–16 cm across) sweetly scented blossoms.

This plant has been in the collection over 20 years, although source of the plant has been lost.



***Rossioglossum [Onc.] grande 10534A new genus***

There are 11 species in this genus that have been segregated from *Odontoglossum* genus over the last ten years or so. They are mostly cool to cold growers and all come from Central America. The Genus was named after Ross who was an English orchid collector in Mexico, and the Greek word ‘Glossa’ meaning tongue.

This species commonly known as “The Large *Rossioglossum*” or “The Clown Orchid” and is my favorite from Guatemala “Boca de Tigre” or the Tiger's Mouth.

It can be found in Guatemala, Belize and Mexico growing in moist deciduous, rainforests with a distinct wet, shady [from leaves] spring and summer, and much drier and brighter [fallen leaves] fall and winter. It produces waxy long lasting flowers in the late fall and winter.

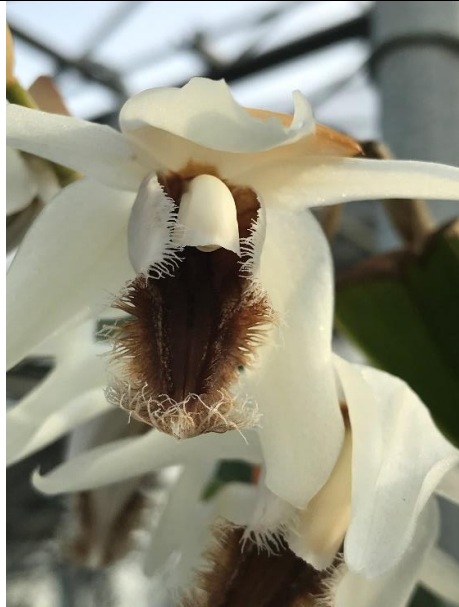
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*Coelogyne [Coel.] barbata*

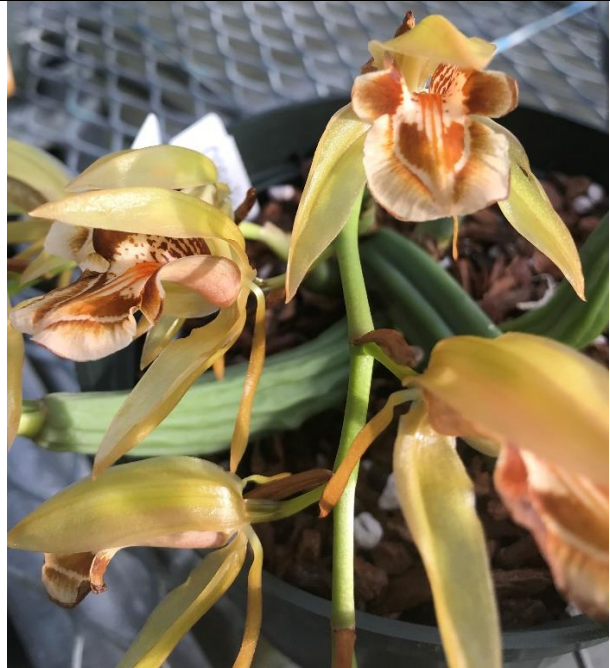
Commonly referred to as “The Bearded *Coelogyne*” on account of the hairy callus of the lip.

This species can be found in the foothills of the Himalayas in northeastern India, Bhutan, Nepal, upper Myanmar and China in lower montane forests at elevations of 1000 to 1800 meters. The species produces fragrant, long-lasting flowers.



*Coelogyne [Coel.] assamica*

Known as “The Assam *Coelogyne*”, this species can be found in Bhutan, northeastern India [Assam], Bhutan, Myanmar, China, Thailand and Vietnam in primary montane forests or riverine forests at elevations of 700 to 1500 meters.





***Coelogyne [Coel.] trinervis***

Knowns as “The Three-Veined *Coelogyne*” due to the nerves on the lip.

This species can be found in Myanmar, Thailand, Malaysia, Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam, Java, Lesser Sunda Islands, Mollucas and Sumatra growing on trees or rocks at low to moderate elevations of 100 to 1600 meters.

Its flowers are fragrant [some say unpleasant others say light and airy).

This plant was donated to the OSPF by Craig Cowie in 2005.



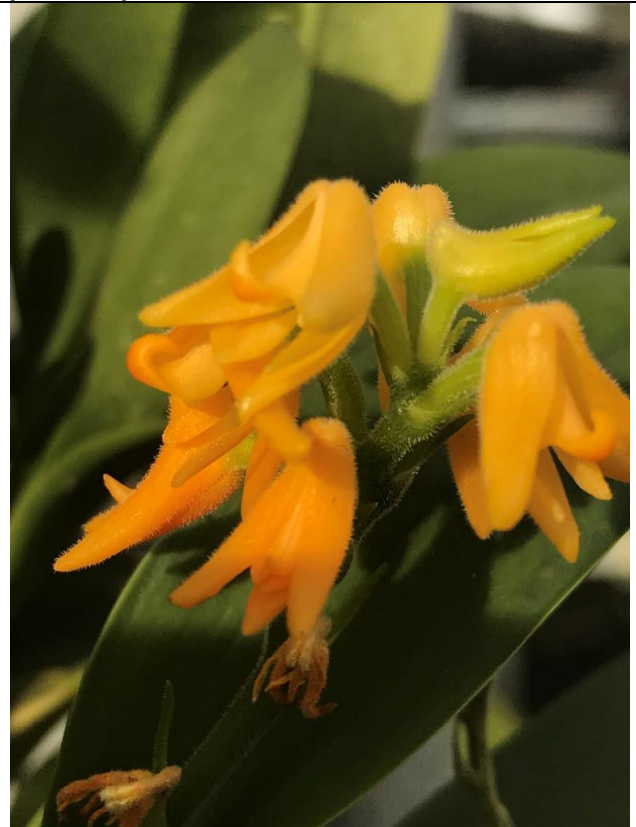
***Polystachya [Pol.] bella new Genus***

There are around 246 species of this genus which is highly diverse in range and plant form. This genus is found from tropical Africa to the Caribbean, Florida and Mexico southward to Brazil, and then eastward through the Pacific, South East Asia, and Indonesia. The Genus name refers to the capability for this genus to re-bloom off old spikes.

Known as the “Beautiful *Polystachya*, this orchid is known only from of Southwestern Kenya and Uganda growing on the mossy branches of tall trees at 5900-6400 ft. (1800-1950 m). Although it is confined to a limited area in the wild, it is well established in cultivation.

Whether mounted or in a pot these plants need ample water while in growth but less after the bulbs mature. This species has an ascending growth habit and can be maintained in a pot by placing some cork in the back of the pot, so the plant can attach and grow up the cork.

The primrose-scented blossoms are golden yellow or orange, are somewhat bell-shaped and are held in nodding descending positions.



**Sources:**

***OrchidWiz***

***Charles Baker***

***Jay Pfahl's IOSPE at [www.orchidspecies.com](http://www.orchidspecies.com)***

***Wikipedia***

***The Plant List***

***Photos D. Bovee/D. Nixon***



### *Brassidium [Brsdm] Fly Away*

The *Brassidium* family are intergeneric hybrids between the orchid genera *Brassia* and *Oncidium* (*Brs. x Onc.*). This is a hybrid of *Brassidium* Gilded Urchin x *Oncidium maculatum*. *Brassidium* Gilded Urchin is a hybrid of *Brassia arcuigera* x *Oncidium wentworthianum*.

So the genetic make of this orchids is 50% *Oncidium maculatum*, 25% *Oncidium wenworthianum* and 25% *Brassia arcuigera*. Hence the flower shape tends towards the *Oncidium* end of spectrum. This hybrid has been award once, back in 1996. The fifteen flowers had a natural spread of 8.5 cm (3 ½ inches).

*Brasidium* in general require very bright light but not direct sun. They should be kept moist during the growing season. This is the period when the pseudobulb develops and flower spikes appear. After this period, when in flower, don't overwater; the fat pseudobulb at the base is helping hold moisture. Water once a week or when the pot begins to feel light. They are ideal house plants but do appreciate humidity and good air circulation.

This plant was part of the Ehor Gauk donation and came into the collection in 2016.



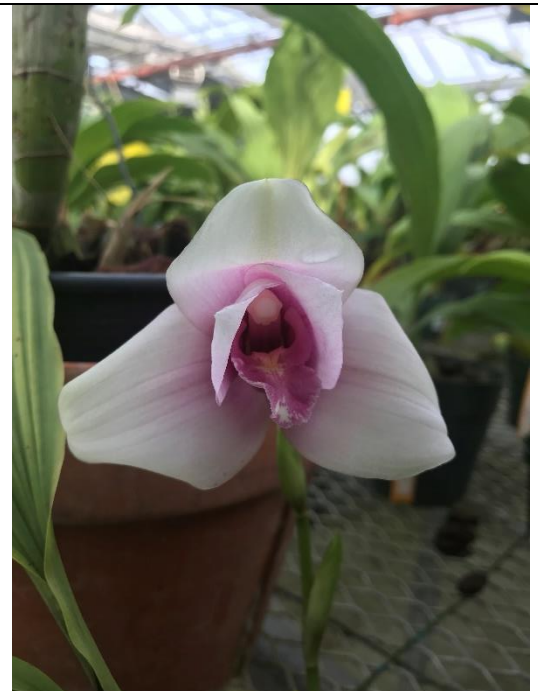
### *Lycaste [Lyc.] guatemalensis*

As the common name suggests the “Guatemalan *Lycaste*” can be found in Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador. It grows at elevations around 1000 to 1700 meters as a warm to cool growing epiphyte or lithophyte.

The *Lycaste* genus have been further split into 3 sections. One section “*Deciduosae*” loses its leaves after flowering and has an annual dormancy period. The other sections tend to keep their leaves. Deciduous species should be kept almost completely dry when leafless; whereas, the evergreen species should be kept only slightly drier than normal after pseudobulbs form. This particular species belongs to the *macrophylla* section that are not deciduous.

Water should be kept off the leaves, and especially out of the new growths, to prevent rot or leaf spotting, which disfigure otherwise handsome plants.

This specimen was purchased by the OSPF.



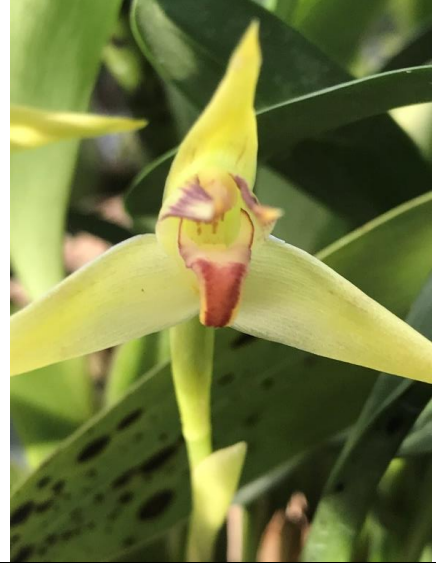
***Maxillaria [Max.] chlorantha***

Commonly known as the “Yellow *Maxillaria*” this species is widespread from Guyana, Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru to Northern Brazil. It grows epiphytically in openings of the dense cloud forests at elevations around 1100 to 2300 meters.

It grows in intermediate to warm conditions with medium amounts of light. It needs to be watered regularly and the mix should be kept moist, but not wet. It requires semi-dry rest through the winter months.

It produces flowers that are about 1 inch [2.5 cm] across.

This specimen was purchased by the OSPF from Ecuagenera in 2017.



***Oncidium [Onc.] chrysomorphum***

The “Golden Yellow” *Oncidium* is native to Venezuela, Colombia and Brazil. It grows in the wet premontane and montane forests at elevations of 900 to 2200 meters. It blooms in the winter and spring on 2' [60 cm] long, panicle that branches from the middle, the branches alternate, and each carry 3 to 8 fragrant flowers.

This specimen was purchased by the OSPF.



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