



# Victoria Orchid Society

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***Cat Frutiger's elegant Dendrobium Rainbow Dance 'Hanamizuki' was voted the best plant on the display table at the February meeting.***



***Dracula bella***

*Welcome to new members, Virginia Crofton, Sarah Lane, Mary Ann Nario, Jane Panter, Lynne Viczko, Ping Lu and Fayu Zhang, and Mike Whitehouse & son*

## ***From the Editor***

A great show! Many thanks to all the volunteers who put in long hours to make it such a success. The next event is the Vancouver Orchid Society show, March 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>. Then we have the Orchid Auction at our April Meeting. Start looking for extra divisions as you look forward to spring cleaning out your orchid collections.

*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)).*

*Logo photo D. Rowles*

## **2019 Meetings:**

***Spring***

***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 **L, M, & N** are asked to bring goodies for the March meeting.

## President's Message



John Taylor

The show season continues. Our show was particularly successful this year. Many thanks are due to the organizers and helpers who put it together. It was a major effort and a lovely result. The next show is in Vancouver at the end of this month (March 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>). Because of the much larger population base in the lower mainland, the Vancouver show tends to attract many interesting vendors, so a great place to pick up new and unusual orchids (not to mention the opportunity to view great displays, including our own).

The winter seems to be finally departing and Victoria can get on with its flower count and sticking it to the rest of the country. It was a serious learning experience for me this year. The power went out for 22 hours and my greenhouse went down to the zero mark and below overnight. Unfortunately, my backup propane heating system refused to work – it had been sitting there for the last seven or eight years waiting for just such an emergency! (I think there is a rule about that somewhere, possibly Murphy's law: if something can go wrong it will, and usually at the worst time.) Anyway, I rushed out to Canadian Tire in the morning and got a camp heater with a supply of 1 litre tanks. If it is of interest, these last five and a half hours each; they brought the temperature up to a more reasonable nine or ten degrees. So, the lesson is: check out your equipment in the fall and make sure it works! The thing that truly surprised me was how tough these orchids are. There were a number of dropped flowers and spotting on the leaves, but basically everything survived!

**Spring 2019**  
**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> – Sasha Kubicek, Orchid**  
***Conservation.***  
**June 24<sup>th</sup> – Alan Koch**  
***Gold Country Orchids, USA***  
***Species, Habitat and Hybrid Culture***

The talk this month stems from a trip I took some time back to Madagascar and the chance to see some fascinating plants, and lemurs! They definitely have a lot of lemurs. A unique place with a unique flora and fauna. Sadly, much of the forest is now gone, and it can only get worse in the coming years with the explosion of the population and the limit on land.

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 March will be given by Ingrid Ostrander. She will give you hints about how to look after the new orchid that you bought at the show or those that you will buy at the Auction in April. Nothing is more depressing than seeing a lovely new orchid that you purchased with high hopes, wilt and fade away. Dealing with pests that may arrive with the plant, changing environmental factors such as light, temperature, air movement and humidity, are all important considerations. This is a session not to miss!

## March 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> – Vancouver Orchid Society Show & Sale

VanDusen Botanical Garden Floral Hall,  
5251 Oak Street, Vancouver. B.C.

**This show boasts many international sellers  
and always has lovely displays**

### Show Schedule:

#### Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>

1:00 p.m. AOS Judging

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Show and sale open to the public

#### Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>

10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Show and Sale open to the public

5:00 p.m. teardown.

### Admission:

Adults \$7 – two day pass \$10

Seniors & Students \$6, \$9 – two day pass

(\$Off coupon available from the web.)

[www.vancouverorchidsociety.ca](http://www.vancouverorchidsociety.ca)

### Instructions for plants heading to this show:

*Please take your plants to Don & Marilyn Mills home,  
986 Lucas Drive, between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on  
Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup>.*

*Pick from the same address on Monday after 10:00 a.m.*

### Vendors:

*Ching Hua – Taiwan*

*Ecuagenera*

*Forestview*

*Tropical Gardens*

*Paramount Orchids*

*Phoenix Perennials*

*Ten Shin*

*Joseph Wu*

## April 22<sup>nd</sup> Orchid Auction:

Our April meeting will be an orchid auction. It is open to the public and we usually have about 100 orchids on the block. Members may contribute any number of healthy, pest free plants, but must send their forms in to me by April 15<sup>th</sup>. The form requests the name of the plant and the portion of the sale price that the owner wishes to donate to the Society (minimum \$25%) and a picture, if possible. You can also put a reserve bid on individual orchids, if you wish. These forms and more instructions will be sent out in early April, so starting checking your collection now for extra divisions or plants that do not thrive in your particular growing environment.

## Past Events

### February 25<sup>th</sup> – Mitch Nickel – How to Identify and Exploit Micro-climates in your growing areas.

When purchasing plants, we all have to decide whether we have warm, intermediate, or cool growing areas. Many of us try to have several of these options.

Mitch provided many good ideas about keeping your plants in the best possible place. The most important of these is to check your whole collection every three months and move plants to their best spot relative to the direction of light, temperature and humidity which will change with the seasons.





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

The annual show once again, happened on a great weekend, bright, so that people wanted to be out of doors, but not gardening. Barb Davies did interviews with both CHEK and CTV on the Saturday, bringing a nice surge of visitors on Sunday. Most of the sellers were getting low on stock by Saturday night and some went home for more plants.



Barb Davies, Show Chair



The Friday Evening Awards and Social night was well attended and the varied selection of platters chosen by Lioba and Barb made a nice balance, supplemented by Lioba's fabulous baked goods. Quite a few people took advantage of the advance plant sales and the evening wrapped up at about 9:30 p.m.

The displays were lovely and sales were very busy both days. There was a large group for ribbon judging which was carried out quickly and efficiently. Thank you to all the people who helped with this activity. I am sure that some learned a lot that they didn't know about how different types of orchids are evaluated and what to look for in their own purchases.



VicOS - Best theme interpretation



CVIOS - Best Visiting Display



Paramount's display



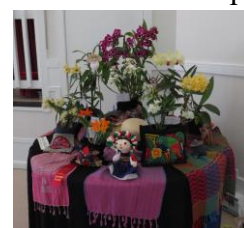
Kingfisher's display



Joe Chow's display



Poul Hansen's display



Melanie Gallagher's display



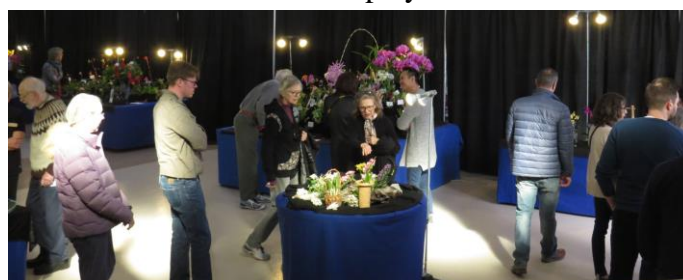
Forestview's display



VOS display



Sue Christison's display



## Workers



*The backbone of the show!*



## Ribbon Trophies

*Photographs by Alexey Tretyakov*

### Show Champion

Lc. Drumbeat 'Heritage' HCC/AOS  
Paramount Orchids

### Reserve Champion

Phrag. Amitabha 'Prospect Lake' FCC/AOS  
Poul Hansen



**Best of:**



*Cattleya* species or Hybrid – Lc. Drumbeat 'Heritage' HCC/AOS  
Paramount Orchids (CVIOS)

Other in *Laelia* subtribe – *Schomburgkia superbiens* 'Paramount's Judy Atkins'  
Paramount Orchids (CVIOS)



Phalaenopsis – *Phal. schilleriana* 'Pink Butterfly' AM/AOS  
Kingfisher Orchids (VicOS)





in *Vanda* Group – *Holcostylis* Pink Yawa . . . . . ➤  
Cat Frutiger (VicOS)



in *Angraecum* Group – *Aerangis citrata* . . ➤  
Alexey Tretyakov (CVIOS)



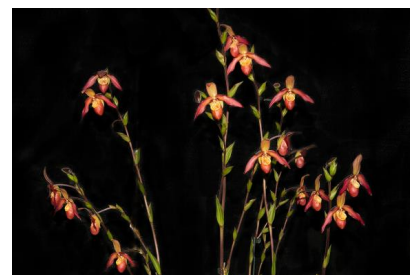
in *Pleurothallis* Group – *Pleurothallis linearifolia* . . . . . ➤  
**The Lynn Cassidy Memorial Trophy Award**  
Alexey Tretyakov (CVIOS)



*Paphiopedilum* – *Paph.* Cocoa Lovely Oliver ➤  
Eugene Banzinger (VOS)



Other in *Cypripedium* Sub-family – *Phrag.* Amitabha 'Prospect Lake' FCC/AOS. . . . ➤  
Poul Hansen (VicOS)



in *Maxillaria* Tribe – *Angust.* Conni Ferrusi 'Auburn Treasure' AM/AOS . . . . ➤  
Poul Hansen (VicOS)



*Miltonia* – *Mps.* Brutips . . . . . ➤  
Poul Hansen (VicOS)



*Oncidium* – *Oncidium sphacelatum* . . . . . ➤  
Dora Glover (CVIOS)



Other in *Oncidium* group – *Oncidium* no name ➤  
Jill Livesey (VicOS)



*Cymbidium* – *Cymbidium faberi* . . . . . ➤  
Joe Chow (VicOS)



in *Coelogyne* grouping – *Coelogyne* Unchained Melody ➤  
Eugene Banziger (VOS)



*Dendrobium* grouping – *Den.* Gerald McGrath 'Island Beauty' HCC/AOS ..... ➤  
Don Mills (VicOS)



of Other in *Dendrobium* Alliance – *Bulbophyllum picturatum* ➤  
Alexey Tretyakov (CVIOS)



of All others – *Phaius* Microburst 'Octoberfest' AM/AOS. .... ➤  
Julia Themander (CVIOS)



First bloom seedling (not a mericlone) – *Phal.* Kingfisher's Canary Passion ..... ➤  
Kingfisher (VicOS)



Grown under artificial light, on a windowsill or mounted – *Aerangis citrata* ➤  
Alexey Tretyakov (CVIOS)



Mini Display – *Den.* aberrans ..... ➤  
Daniel Kwok (VOS)



### Award Photographs by Alexey Tretyakov



A very successful show, ably managed by Barb Davies, who unexpectedly, had to take on the whole task of Show Chair. Fortunately, many of the regular show team were also prepared to rise to the occasion, making the event run smoothly.

Congratulations, Barb!

## 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 show judging at the Central Vancouver Island Orchid Society Show on February 1, 2019, the following AOS awards were granted:

*AOS Show Trophy 'Memoria Erik Davis'* ST/AOS 82pts  
Exhibitor: Bryan Emery



*Dendrobium bellatulum* 'The Harbour City Glow' CCE/AOS 90pts  
Exhibitor: Alexey Tretyakov



*Paphiopedilum* Hung Sheng Lucky Girl 'Lori's Surprise' HCC/AOS 79pts  
(*Paphiopedilum* Hung Sheng Bay x *Paphiopedilum* Shin-Yi Madura)  
Exhibitor: Lori Barrington



*Plant photos by Judith Higham*  
*Exhibit photos by Ed Higham*



At the AOS Western Canada Judging Center's monthly judging after the Central Vancouver Island Orchid Society Show judging on February 1, 2019, no AOS awards were granted.

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

(Chair: Abu Salleh, 604-328-5363, [asalleh@telus.net](mailto:asalleh@telus.net))

Next monthly meeting:

- April 5, 2019 : 2:00pm (after Orchid Society of Alberta Show Judging) at the Enjoy Centre, 101 Riel Drive, St. Albert AB



## The Book Corner: Library Book Reviews by Don Mills

Author: Bill Thoms self published 2009

*Bulbophyllums*. The Incomplete Guide; From A to WHY? 241 pages.

A strange title for a genus specific book by an author with an equally strange sense of humour! Culture information for this genus is drawn out as if teaching 5 year olds to grow plants. There are some timely gems of cultural advice which seem specific for hot and humid Florida but cold country growers beware.

Lots of great photos, but not as many species mentioned for the book to be a good reference source. Most of the photos are the author's own plants and photography with a few pages devoted to other world hybridizers. One chapter deals with the misnomer of 2 important species that have been used extensively in hybridization, very interesting

This reviewer found this book frustrating to read and a little bit boastful but I guess when you become a national expert on one genus of orchid, you're entitled to bragging rights.

Don Mills



*Bulbophyllum setaceum*

## Victoria Orchid Society

### Minutes of General Meeting, February 25, 2019



*Den. Hibiki 'Paulwela' AM/AOS*

The General Meeting of February 25, 2019 was held at the Gordon Head United Church Hall. President John Taylor called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Joe Chow held the pre-meeting workshop on 'BCOC Flower Classes and how to classify your orchids for shows'. We have two new members, Ping Lu and Fayu Zhang. Our guest speaker, Mitch Nickel, along with Poul Hansen, presented the show table.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jill Livesey presented her financial report for the month of January, 2019 and moved for acceptance as read, seconded by Diana Rowles.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Secretary's Report:** Elsie Gerdes moved and Kathryn Collins seconded that the minutes from the January General meeting be approved as published in the newsletter.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Barb reported that she had sent a condolence card to Melanie Norris on her recent loss of her mother and had sent a get well card to Leda Bower who is recouping from surgery. She also had filed Chris Bauer's resignation from the executive, with the B.C. Societies Act.

John Taylor presented ribbons to Svend Munkholm, Don Mills, and Joe Chow. These had been awarded at the CVIOS show in February.

### **Other Reports:**

**AOS:** next judging will be at the VicOS Spring show, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Poul explained about the two separate AOS judging options at this session: the plants that are entered for the show, and the regular AOS judging session to which people can bring their plants without having them in the show display.



**Library:** Elsie announced that there is a light meter now in the library for members to sign out, same as they would a library book, to be on loan for one month at a time.

**Membership:** Kathryn reported the membership is now at 74.

**Newsletter:** the copy for January has been published.

**Program:** Rod reviewed the upcoming speakers: March 25<sup>th</sup>-John Taylor, Orchids & Madagascar. April is the Auction, and Sasha will speak at the May meeting in place of Alexey Tretyakov. Alan Koch will be coming June 24<sup>th</sup> with plants.

**Spring Show:** Diana reported that more volunteers are needed for the show and the sign-up sheet is circulating. Toni is looking for another speaker for the Sunday afternoon workshops. Please speak with her if you can help. Diana will email out an attachment for plant registration for the show. Barb reported that the Friday evening event is organized, please let her know if you plan to attend.

**Website:** Diana reported that the new website has some glitches to iron out and it will be updated for the April Auction.

**Supply Sales:** Catherine reported that the Orchiata bark is held up in New Zealand and she hopes to have it here by April.

**Social Media:** Kathryn reported that we are slowly increasing our followers' numbers.

### **Program:**

John introduced Mitch Nickel from Paramount Orchids and he spoke on "How to Identify and Exploit Microclimates in your Growing Areas".

**Adjournment:** The President declared the meeting adjourned at 9:40 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.



*Phragmipedium Joan Montmorency*

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 **L, M, & N** for the March 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.

Newsletters will now be posted and archived on a **members' only** page on the new website and members will be issued a password to access it. This will give a little more privacy to people and events that are shown in the newsletter. Members who do not wish even this amount of exposure, please let the newspaper editor know and photos of them will be blurred or omitted.

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.

### **Officers:**

President John Taylor  
Past President Ingrid Ostrander  
Vice-president Diana Rowles  
Secretary Barbara Davies  
Treasurer Jill Livesey

**Newsletter Editor:** Diana Rowles

**Web Masters:** Diana Rowles/Catharine Schlenker

**Proofreader:** Joe Chow

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**Membership:** Kathryn Collins

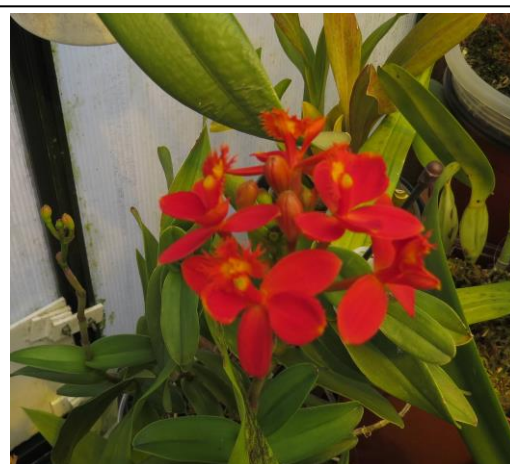
**Spring Show Chairs:** Barb Davies

**Programs Chair:** Rodney Crutcher

In emergencies, call John Taylor at (250) 250 479-0146.

### **Directors:**

Lioba Samer  
Kathryn Collins  
Chris Bauer  
Poul Hansen  
Catharine Schlenker  
Joyce Wilson  
Blair Humphrey



*Epidendrum Joseph Lii 'Kultana'*



## Reminders & Opportunities

### April 6, 2019 - Vancouver Rock & Alpine Garden Society Show

Some of the splendor of an alpine meadow or mountain slope in spring may be experienced by visiting the spectacular annual Spring Show of the Vancouver Rock and Alpine Garden Society. The hundreds of entries in this show extend over a broad botanical range, beautiful plants which are very often challenging to grow and rare to find.

The 2019 Show will be held at Cadboro Bay United Church, 2625 Arbutus Road, Victoria, BC on Friday, April 5 from 1 pm to 8 pm and on Saturday, April 6 from 9 am to 3 pm. As well as show entries to enjoy, there will be plant and seed sales, displays, door prizes, and refreshments. The sale of club-grown plants will begin at 11:00 am Saturday. Admission is by donation.

THE VANCOUVER ISLAND  
ROCK AND ALPINE GARDEN SOCIETY  
ANNUAL SPRING FLOWER SHOW



*Primula michailowskyi*

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### April 13th, 2019- The Victoria Dahlia Society's Plant & Tuber Sale

Includes rare and exclusive varieties. (while supplies last)

One Day Only - 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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