

VicOS News

The Official Newsletter of the Victoria Orchid Society



Masdevallia Minaret 'Burrard Inlet'
CCM/AOS
Grown by Joe Chow
Photo courtesy of Judith Higham

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By : Leda Bower

Fall is a busy time for both Orchid growers and gardeners. In the Conservatory, I've been tidying up, repotting, and looking for pests. The Orchids that were outside are being moved into warmer areas with the same concern as the inside plants, an eye on potting and insects. At this time of year, there are a lot of orchids in bloom, which provides plenty of therapy for me. I especially enjoy the family of plants that our last speaker mentioned, the Catasetinae.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Oct 26-27: Fraser Valley Orchid Society Annual Show and Sale, George Preston Rec Centre, Langley, BC

Oct 28: VicOS October General Meeting with guest speaker, COC President Dr. Leslie Ee presenting "Dendrobium Cuthbertsonii"

Refreshments: If your last name begins with A,B or C, we kindly request that you bring a snack to share for the October meeting - Thank you

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (Con't)

Along with the Catasetinae, this year I grew a lot of different Habenaria. Both of these families require care with watering at this time of year, weaning all the plants for their dormancy.

I have come across a site featuring all members of the Catasetinae family called Catasetinae Canada (catasetinaecanada.weebly.com). By all means have a browse - there are culture notes and they offer to post pictures of your plants. (See site pictured below)

This Website is designed by Bernie Butts who was mentioned by Fred when he visited us at the September 23 meeting.

In anticipation of the next general meeting, October 28th, the Executive will be sending out a *Meeting Package* approximately a week before the meeting. I feel this will be helpful with efficiency at the Business meeting as you will be informed ahead of time regarding various pieces of business that will be discussed, such as Diana's motion. I look forward to see you then. ----- Leda

Catasetinae Canada

Your Catasetinae Orchid Connection!



Home

Catamodes [Ctmds.]

Catanoches [Ctnchs.]

Catasetum [Ctsm.] - NATURAL

Cloughara [Cgh.]

Clownoches [Clw.]

Clowesetum [Clo.]

Clowesia [Cl.] - NATURAL

Cyclodes [Cld.]

Cynoches [Cyc.] - NATURAL

Cynodes [Cyo.]

Fredclarkara [Fdk.]

Georgecarrara [Gcr.]

Monnierara [Monn.]

Mormodes [Morm.] - NATURAL

Mormodia [Mo.]

Cyrtopodiinae & Intergenerics

Catasetinae, a fragrant group of unique orchids that are part of the Cymbidieae tribe.



Ctsm. Marsh Holow, 3 flower types on 1 stem.

Clowesia, Catasetum, Cynoches, Mormodes, and Dressleria are classified as members of the Catasetinae subtribe. The first four mentioned are used extensively in hybridizing. Catasetum and Cynoches are known for producing male, female and hermaphroditic flowers and projecting their pollinia at their pollinators, a unique characteristic to this orchid family. Clowesia and Mormodes will produce perfect flowers with both male and female segments. Catasetinae typically grow in high temperature and humidity with distinct rainy and dry seasons associated with the rain forest environment and adjacent ecological zones of Central and South America. In nature, the species of these genera can, aided by their usual pollinators the euglossine bees, hybridize with each other. The result is great diversity and variation within the genera. With a proper understanding of their cultural needs, Catasetinae are generally easy to grow. Dressleria have their own special cultural needs.

This slide show contains a sample of some of our plants, enjoy.



Clowesetum
Donna Ballard
'B-C' AM/AOS

FRASER VALLEY ORCHID SOCIETY SHOW & SALE

George Preston Recreation Centre, 20699 42nd Ave. Langley

Friday October 25

Set up - 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Ribbon judging - 2:30 to 5:30

Saturday October 26

AOS judging

Sunday October 27

Tear down 4:00



Don and Marilyn have, once again, offered to transport plants and set up, but **they are requesting assistance for either set up, tear down, or both.**

Leda will also be travelling to Langley for the day on Friday to assist with show set up and to attend ribbon judging. This is a great learning situation for any newer members or someone who has never done ribbon judging before, as it is a great opportunity to learn more about show quality orchids.

Leda has room in her car for anyone wishing to join her for the day and return on the 9:00 ferry.

GENERAL MEETINGS FOR 2019/2020:

October 28

November 25

December - Member Christmas Party - to be announced

January 27

February 24

March 23

April 27

May 25

June 22 - AGM

Meetings are held at the Gordon Head United Church Hall at 4201 Tyndall Ave.

Meetings begin at 7:30 and open to VicOS members and guests. Visitors are always welcome.

Newsletter contributions are always encouraged (photos, tips, tricks, information or insights) Please submit to Melanie at melroga@telus.net

THE VICTORIA ORCHID SOCIETY IS
PLEASED TO WELCOME OUR
DISTINGUISHED GUEST

DR. LESLIE EE,
PRESIDENT OF
CANADIAN ORCHID
CONGRESS

TOPIC: "*Dendrobium
Cuthbertsonii*"

October 28 - 7:30 p.m.
Gordon Head United Church Hall
4201 Tyndall Ave.

- Display table of member's orchids
- A variety of orchids for sale
- Potting mix and fertilizer for sale



Thank You!

To Joe for researching and purchasing the new projector. It is a "plug and go" format which makes set up quick and seamless, so the presenters can spend more time answering your questions. (The old projector will be donated to another orchid society)

To Astrid for organizing the refreshments at the September 23 meeting.

To Sasha for receiving, organizing, and distributing the plant orders from Sunset Valley Orchids.

BRINGING YOUR ORCHIDS INDOORS

By Joe Chow



The cool summers of Victoria are ideal for growing Masdevallias outside in a shady area. The plants can be moved outside by the end of April when the night time temperature is between 8-10°C.

By the end of September, the night time temperature will be in the 8-10°C range. This is a good time to bring the Masdevallias in.

The first or second week of September, check for bugs on the leaves or in the potting mix. There will be bugs. For indoor growers, use an organic spray. One such spray mixture is, by volume:

Murphy oil soap (or Formula 409), isopropyl alcohol 70% and water. Mix one part of each. Shake and spray in a hand pump sprayer two times, one week apart. You can use this spray mixture on most Masdevallias. But on some thin leaf Masdevallias, wash the leaves two hours after spraying.

Leaving the oil soap on will damage the thin leaves.

Check the plants after the two sprays to make sure there are no live bugs left on the leaves. Then the plants can come indoors.

Joe is a lifetime member of the Victoria Orchid Society, an accomplished grower, and a valued volunteer.

Recently, he received the Carlyle A. Luer Award, which is given to the grower of the most outstanding member of the pleurothallidinae.



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BOOK REVIEW

By Don Mills

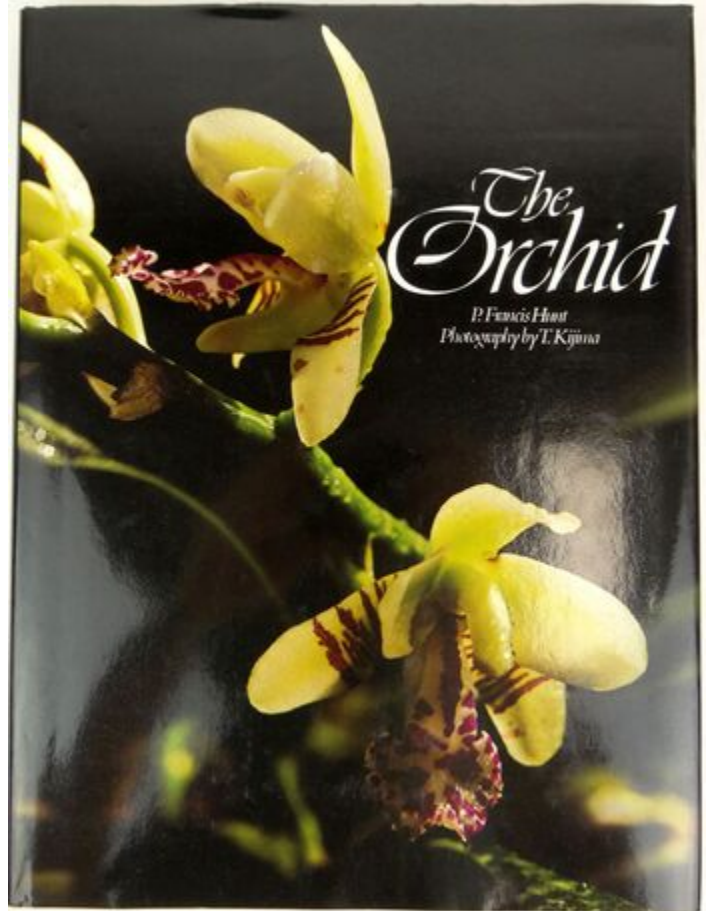
Authors: P. Francis Hunt and T. Kijima

The Orchid

Published by Peerage Books, this edition 1987

This is a cozy coffee table hardback book full of beautifully photographed orchids of all genus and species by one of Japan's leading photographers, T. Kijima. The photos cover *Ansellia* to *Zygopetalum* with small notes of interest on each photo listed before the index at the back of the book.

P. Francis Hunt introduction is short but informative. Of interest to the orchid photographer is the list of cameras and lens used plus the photographed size of each flower(s). An enjoyable book to browse on a rainy autumn night!



AOS JUDGING RESULTS - SEPT 14

By Abu Salleh

At the AOS Western Canada Judging Center's monthly judging on September 14, 2019, the following AOS award was granted (please note that all awards are considered provisional until paperwork and payment is processed by AOS and published in *Orchids Plus*):

Paphiopedilum hangianum 'Wellington's Forest View'
AM/AOS 85pts (20196617)

Exhibitor: Lori Barrington

Photo courtesy of Judith Higham

NEWS DIRECTIONS: THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Victoria Orchid Society Communications Committee (Est September 2019)

The Committee:

Name: Victoria Orchid Society Communications Committee
Type: Standing Committee
Reports to: The Society's President (or Designate)

Committee Mandate and Purpose:

Acting under the authority granted by the Society's Executive Council and reporting directly to the President or his/her designate, the Communications Committee's purpose is to efficiently manage the Society's online communications delivery and content, with the objective of fostering the achievement of the Society's mission. To accomplish this, the Committee will develop and manage the Society's online (web, social media) presence, publication of routine announcements such as the Newsletter, as well as statements provided and approved by the Executive Council.

Membership:

- Membership on the Communications Committee will comprise not less than three and not more than seven interested Society members.
- Selection of new members to fill vacancies shall be done via invitation to all members. If necessary, a wait-list will be created.
- The Committee will appoint members to serve in various roles as required (eg: Administrator, Author, etc.)
- The Committee Chair will be selected by Committee members.

Scope:

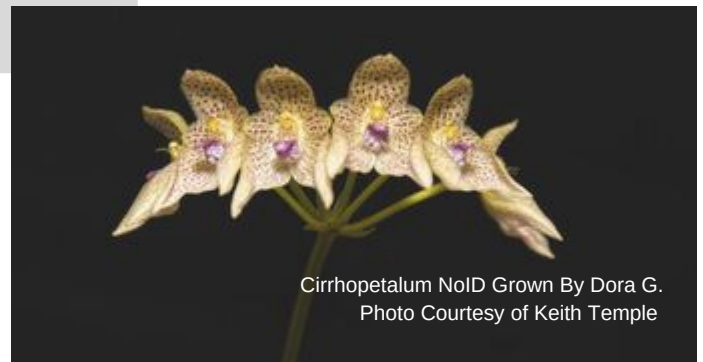
1. In pursuit of the Society's mission, the Committee's work will focus on communicating with four main audiences:
 - Members
 - Prospective members
 - The general public
 - Other Societies

NEWS DIRECTIONS: THE COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE (CONT)

2. The Committee will take measures to ensure that the management of all online communications is conducted in accordance with relevant federal and provincial privacy legislation.
3. Meetings will be called a minimum of once per quarter or as often as needed, as determined by its members. Any member of the Committee may request a meeting.
4. Meeting agendas will be distributed a minimum of twenty four hours prior to each scheduled meeting. The agenda will list Standing Topics (eg: review of previous minutes) and will include New Business (if any). Formal meetings of the Committee will be conducted in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Society and Roberts Rules of Order.
5. The Committee will provide minutes of all meetings to the Society Executive via the President or his/her designate.
6. The Committee will provide an annual budget to the Society Executive Council for approval and will thereafter submit regular financial reports listing expenditures and other relevant information. Any unbudgeted expenditures must first receive Executive Council approval.
7. Code of Conduct will be developed and established by the Committee to aid in screening questionable or inappropriate content.

Current Communication Committee Roles

Chair : Justin Dunning
Website: Sarah Lane, Chris Prince
Facebook: Debb Ward, Melanie Norris, Justin Dunning
Instagram: Debb Ward
Newsletter Editor: Melanie Norris
MailChimp design: Melanie Norris
Email Manager: Toni Dertlieva



VICTORIA ORCHID SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING - SEPT 23, 2019 - MINUTES

The general meeting of September 23rd, 2019 was held at the Gordon Head United Church Hall, and was well attended by our members, as well as guests from out of town. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Justin Dunning at 7:30 pm. President Leda Bower then gave a quick report about the year ahead, including a brief introduction of the executive council. Because the presenter for the September general meeting was Fred Clarke, an internationally renowned speaker, and out-of-town guests were present, housekeeping and general society business was kept brief. The president's report, communication committee's report, and treasurer's report were read, but other items of business were minimized.

President's Report

Elsie moved and Dora seconded that the president's report be accepted as read, which was carried.

Communication Committee's Report

Justin, representing the communication committee, gave a quick report on the communication strategy for the upcoming year. He introduced those serving on the committee: himself, Sarah, Debb, Melanie, and Chris. Debb, Melanie and Justin are handling social media, Sarah is working on website updates, and Chris is providing technical assistance. Melanie is newsletter and Mailchimp editor. The website will continue to be run on WordPress, as it has been since February 2019.

Treasurer's Report

Because the treasurer elected in June resigned, the treasurer position was unfilled. Jill Livesey offered to step in, continuing the role that she had held previously, until a replacement could be found. No other nominations for treasurer were presented, and she was thus elected.

She proceeded to present the financial report for the period of June 1 – August 31, and noted that the previous financial report had been audited. Astrid moved and Debb seconded that the report be accepted as read, which was carried. At this time, it was noted that membership was due.

Diana presented a motion that she had emailed to the membership previously regarding the website domain. A motion to table it until the October meeting was made by Dora and seconded by Debb, so that members could revisit the issue later with more information, and that more time could be devoted to the speaker. The motion was carried, and Diana's motion will be revisited at the October General Meeting.

Show Table

Sasha introduced Fred Clarke as the speaker and presenter of the show table. There were many beautiful plants, and Fred was very entertaining as he talked through the lovely plants.

Program :

The guest speaker this evening was Fred Clarke, who was introduced again by Sasha. Fred Clarke is a well-known orchidist whose many achievements include an article series for Orchids Magazine, his highly successful company Sunset Valley Orchids, his many beautiful hybrids, and his own genus in the subtribe of Catsetinae, Fredclarckara. He spoke on Catasetums at length. Topics included their diversity, habitat, pollination, hybridization and culture. His presentation was peppered with many beautiful images of his plants, travels, and greenhouse, and it was a wonderful discussion of this amazing group of orchids.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Lane