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# VicOS News

The Official Newsletter of the Victoria Orchid Society



*Phragmipedium Andean Fire 'Joelle's Smile' CCM/AOS grown by Diana Rowles (Judith Higham)*

## President's Message

By Leda Bower

Hi everyone, I'm trying to compose a Presidents message that under ordinary circumstances would have outlined an Agenda for the coming year. What I can predict is we will have to be adaptable; we have no AOS judging on the horizon or shows or even physical meetings. Despite Covid 19 we're in the process of correcting the first Draft of the Clubs constitution updating and reflecting the current technology and the new Societies Act of BC. (Con't)

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**September 28 2020:** First meeting of the year! Our first meeting will be held via Zoom and the links to the meeting will be sent out via MailChimp

**October 26 2020:** Zoom General Meeting. Speaker TBA

**November 23 2020:** Zoom General Meeting. Speaker TBA

# President's Message (Con't)

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The Communication Committee is proposing a solution to enable us to work with the website. We are by necessity looking at doing things a little differently because of the Pandemic. Everyone talks about going back to normal, but I believe it will be a new normal and I believe the Club could be stronger. Our situation at present, is to provide what we can and that is Zoom meetings and presenters who feel comfortable with that format. If anyone in the membership would like to be involved or learn other tasks, please let me know or one of the Executive. I wish your health and safety as we navigate our new reality,

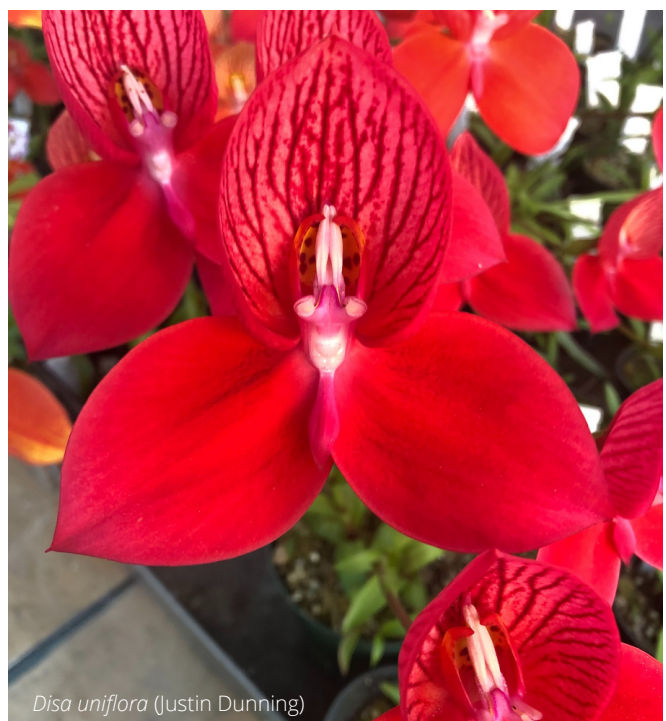
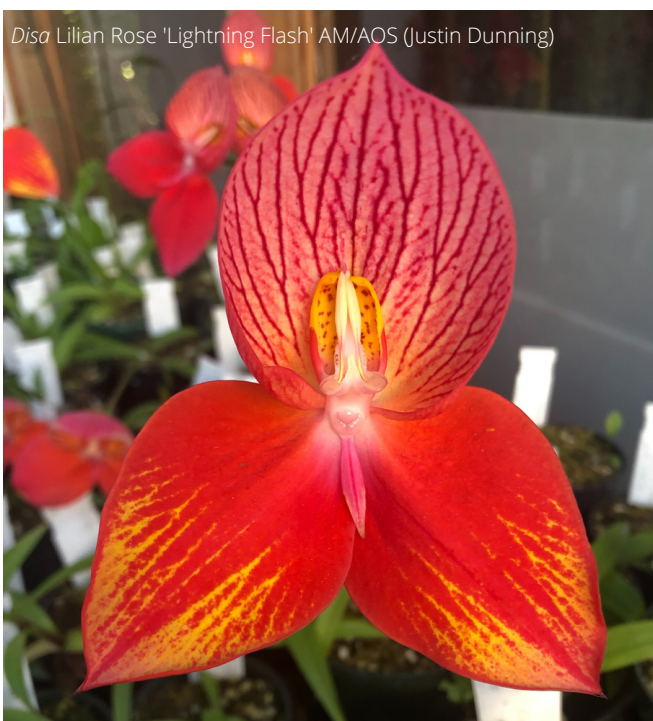
Leda Bower



## Moving Forward in the Time of COVID

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Hello everyone! Justin here for a quick update. Moving forward through 2020, we will be doing things differently. Finding volunteers to fill positions has proven difficult in the past year and we predict it won't be much easier in these times. To save some work and free up time for volunteers, we are publishing newsletters on a quarterly basis. These newsletters will include more content as we hope that less frequent publications will be better received and looked forward to. Once judging begins again, it will include awards from previous months. If you have stories or photo's to share, please send them!





# Stories from the Members

## Mountain Lady Slippers

by Justin Dunning

This past summer, a small group of friends and I planned a trip near Gold River to rediscover the only known location of *Cypripedium montanum* or Mountain Ladyslipper. All of us had been dreaming of doing this trip for 9-15 years. The last time it was seen was over 20 years ago and since then, known avalanches had occurred at the site. So the fate of the species on Vancouver Island was uncertain. Through months of research and contacting the original discoverers, we felt ready to go. The trip was three days of hiking through second growth, old growth and alpine. After two days of searching we had still come up empty. Then, right as the sun was setting on the second day, we found them! We had to use flashlights to find our way back to camp but every part of the trip was worth it. I plan on doing a talk one day about the trip to share all the fun details! We ended up seeing *Neottia cordata*, *Neottia banksiana*, *Corallorhiza mertensiana*, *Corallorhiza mertensiana f. pallida*, *Calypso bulbosa* var. *occidentalis*, *Goodyera oblongifolia*, and of course *Cypripedium montanum*.



*Cypripedium montanum* (Justin Dunning)



*Neottia cordata* (Justin Dunning)



Justin Dunning at the site (Paul Spriggs)



*Calypso bulbosa* var. *occidentalis* (Justin Dunning)



*Goodyera oblongifolia* (Justin Dunning)



Coffee in the park (Joe Chow)

## Coffee in the park

by Joe Chow

Since March 2020 there have been no orchid meetings. No getting together to talk about orchids, see orchids and general chit chat. No face to face interaction. The provincial health officer, Dr. Bonnie Henry said no. The coffee group has been meeting for awhile. I think it was Bill that suggested that we meet at Mt. Douglas park. The park is an ideal place, shady and not too hot. We use the long picnic table. There is enough room for social spacing and lots of room to display orchids. There were people walking in the park that dropped by to see the orchids. They grew orchids but were not members.

# Opportunity to Hear International Speakers

**Orchid Digest International Speakers Day:** A Virtual Experience

**Where?:** All speakers live via Webinar

**When?:** October 31, 2020 12:30 - 5:00 PM EDT

**Registration Fee:** \$30

**Register to join us!**

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/9204476238212594445> (Feel free to contact Justin or Leda to request a link)

All registrants will be entered in a raffle for prizes donated by our sponsors and for new or renewals of memberships to the Orchid Digest.

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## Orchid Digest

## GENERAL MEETINGS FOR 2020-2021

September 28

October 26

November 23

No December Party

January 25

February 22

March 22

April 26

May 24

June 28 – AGM

For the foreseeable future, meetings will be held via Zoom from 7:30 – 10 pm. Invites will be sent out via MailChimp prior to the meeting. Guests are welcome to request an invite.

Meetings are open to all VicOS members and their guests, but visitors are always welcome!

Do you have photos, tips, tricks, or other things you want to share? We are accepting contributions to our newsletter! Send them to  
[canadiancarnivorousplants@gmail.com](mailto:canadiancarnivorousplants@gmail.com).



# Orchid Digest International Speakers Day

## Speakers

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Lou Jost

Orchids as Guides to the Conservation of  
Unique Biodiversity



Andrea Niessen

Orchids in Nature in Colombia



Alek Zaslowski

Beautiful Brazilian Mountains and the  
Orchids that Grow There



# Annual General Meeting Minutes

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Victoria Orchid Society, Annual General Meeting, June 22nd, 2020 held Via Zoom

Attendance - 17 members including executive

Meeting was called to order at 737 pm by Alida Bower (Leda)

## Minutes:

- Leda noted that the minutes of the 2019 AGM were included with the mail chimp and asked if all had reviewed them.
- Joe Chow made a motion to approve the minutes of the 2019 AGM, seconded by Toni (Antoanetta Dertlieva). None opposed, motion carried.

## Reports:

- Leda read the presidents report which is appended to these minutes.
- There was no secretary's report as the secretary position has recently been filled.
- Financial report as prepared by Jill Livesay was presented as appended to these minutes.
- Jill moved to accept the treasurers' report, seconded by Joe, none opposed, motion carried.

## Election of Officers:

Joe Chow took over the meeting and conducted the election of officers and directors with the following results.

## Officers:

- President - Leda Bower, no other candidates elected under Bylaw 27.
- Vice President - Justin Dunning, no other candidates elected under Bylaw 27.
- Secretary - Rick Bower, no other candidates, elected under Bylaw 27.
- Treasurer - no applicants, Joe proposed we leave the position vacant as there may be a potential applicant soon.

## Directors:

- Steve Newell
- Astrid Firley-Eaton
- Cat Frutiger
- Antoanetta Dertlieva
- Chris Prince
- Jill Livesay

Joe commented that two other people were interested in joining the directorship, however, are not members in good standing and will have to pay the membership dues to be considered. This was deferred to the executive to discuss after the proponents have joined the club

*Dendrobium sp.* (Kathryn Collins)





# Annual General Meeting Minutes

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## New Business:

- A motion, originally proposed by Kathryn Collins was put forth to reduce membership dues during the COVID Pandemic as follows: **“Move that the Victoria Orchid Society make all current member dues for the 2020/2021 year voluntary. The Society will be happy to accept membership dues as a donation to the club”** Moved by Rick Bower, seconded by Jon DeLaurier, no nays, approved unanimously.
- Leda informed the membership that there will be “open garden” tours during July and August.

**Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Rod Crutcher, seconded by Chris Prince, none opposed. AGM was adjourned at 8:30 pm.**



*Pogonia ophioglossoides* (Justin Dunning)

*Disa Veitchii* x *Auratkeu* (Joe Chow)



*Paphiopedilum lowii* 'Jamboree Violet' (Diana Rowles)

