January 2023

Coming Events

Meetings:

January 18

February 15

March 15

April 19

Eastern Star Hall

3281 Harriet Rd

Doors open at 6:30pm

AOS Judging

January 21, 2023 (note

date change): 11:30am at

Swan Lake Christmas Hill

Nature Sanctuary

CVIOS Show Nanaimo February 17-19 (set up on the 16th) see poster for

details

Editor's note
Happy New Year to everyone!
I hope everyone had a wonderful
holiday season.

I am just putting out a quick basic newsletter to start the year. In the future I will just be assisting one of our new members, Jack Smart, with the newsletter. He has far better computer skills than I do, so I imagine you will notice an improvement when he takes over.

I look forward to seeing everyone at upcoming meetings and shows Bryan Emery

Hybrid Cattleya by Cat F

18 January 2023 - Art Chadwick on Large Flowered Cattleyas

Art holds a BS in Electrical Engineering from North Carolina State and an MBA from James Madison University.

He founded Chadwick & Son Orchids Inc in 1989 together with his father, long time orchid hobbyist Art A. Chadwick, and his wife, Anne, of Wilmington, DE. They purchased 18 acres of farmland in rural Powhatan County and built the first redwood greenhouse. During the following year, another greenhouse was added. Before long, there were 11 greenhouses in rural Powhatan County and two retail stores. In addition to growing, the company boards over 13,000 orchids for local clients. The early success of the company can be traced to Art Sr., who had been growing orchids since 1943, and provided invaluable cultural and hybridizing experience. His many Cattleya hybrids adorn the pages of orchid magazines worldwide and he continues to be a regular feature writer for the American Orchid Society.

Art has the distinction of naming Cattleya hybrids after the wives of the last five U.S. Presidents and personally presenting the flowers to most of the honored recipients. He has spoken at two World Orchid Conferences - France 2005, Ecuador 2017 and his popular orchid advice column appears each month in many newspapers around the country.

For more info: https://www.chadwickorchids.com



Coming Speakers

15 February 2023 – Dr. Ron McHatton on Orchid Pest Management (AOS Webinar)

15 March 2023 – Dr. Kristen Uthus "Miniatures: Honey I Shrunk the Orchids"

Spring Show Time

It is time to get your plants ready for upcoming shows. We will be setting up a display at the CVIOS show in Nanaimo and will need plants!

Details on drop-off locations and times to follow

Preparing your plants for show

With a few simple steps you can help your plants put their best blooms forward at the upcoming shows. These steps not only help your plants look their best, they also help prevent pests and disease spreading at the show.

Start by removing any dead or damaged foliage, faded flowers, and any spent flower stems. If you are removing part of a leaf, cut the end to mimic the natural leaf shape. If you are evaluating a plant and find that most of its leaves are damaged and removing them to be less distracting would harm the plant, it may be best to keep it home and try to improve it for next year. Closely inspect the plant for any signs of pests or diseases. Only healthy pest free plants should go to the show. Add or adjust any stakes needed to keep the blooms safe and well presented. Stakes should be tidy and not distract from the blooms. Leaves can be cleaned with tepid water and a few drops of dish soap. Any mineral deposits can be removed with some diluted lemon juice. Milk can be used on the foliage to provide a natural shine, I find the diluted soap does this as well. Avoid any oils or treatments that make the plant look unnaturally glossy.

If your plant is unstable or top heavy it should be nestled into a larger heavier pot to provide stability. The space between the pots can be filled with paper to hold the plant snug. When boxing the plants for transport use a stable box or container that comfortably fits the plants but is not too large as transport space can be limited. Any long arching flower stems should point back in to the box if at all possible to prevent them getting tangled with other people's plants during transport. Plants should be watered prior to sending them to the show. I find it is best to water a day or two prior to packing them up so the potting mix is not too wet during transport. Upon returning home it is a good idea to wipe the plants off again to reduce the risk of pests coming home from the show.

ORCHID SHOW & SALE

Nanaimo North Town Centre

4750 Rutherford Road



POTTING WORKSHOPS

Saturday & Sunday 1:00 & 3:00 (by donation) FEB 17 - 19, 2023

Friday 9:30 - 9:00 Saturday 10:00 - 6:00 Sunday 11:00 - 4:00

AOS JUDGED SHOW

B.C. Vendors Daily Raffle









November and December AOS Judging Results

At the AOS Western Canada Judging Center's monthly judging on November 12, 2022, 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 OrchidPro)



Miltoniopsis Salmon Bay 'Hansen' Exhibitor: Don Mills AM/AOS 80pts

Photographer: Alexey Tretyakov

At the AOS Western Canada Judging Center's monthly judging on December 10, 2022, the following AOS awards were granted:

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Photographer: Ryan Young Paphiopedilum (Hung Sheng Lake x Shin-Yi Heart) AM/AOS 82pts award is provisional pending hybrid registration Exhibitor: Eugene Banziger





Photographer: Ryan Young

Phragmipedium Elizabeth March 'Grace of Henrietta' HCC/AOS 75pts (Phrag. Sedenii x Phrag. besseae)

Exhibitor: Daniel Kwok



Photographer: Ryan Young

Ordering info and price list to follow soon

