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ANNOUNCEMENTS

EDITOR'S NOTE

THE NEWSLETTER WILL BE DISTRIBUTED ELECTRONICALLY TO ALL MEMBERS FOR WHOM WE HAVE AN EMAIL ADDRESS. IF ANYONE WISHES TO SWITCH FROM PAPER TO ELECTRONIC DELIVERY, PLEASE NOTIFY BOB LUCAS. (LUCAS@USASK.CA). EMAIL ME IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED YOUR ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER BY THE THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH.

MARCH MEETING

THE MARCH MEETING OF THE SOCIETY WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 26TH AT DUTCH GROWERS, COMMENCING AT 1:30 P.M.

PLANT ORDERS

THE SOCIETY WILL BE PLACING AN ORDER WITH HAUSERMANN ORCHIDS. THE DEADLINE FOR ORDERS IS THE MARCH MEETING. ORDER SHEETS MAY BE DOWNLOADED FROM THE SOCIETY WEB PAGE. A DEPOSIT EQUAL TO THE CANADIAN DOLLAR NUMBER OF US DOLLARS IS REQUIRED AT THE TIME OF ORDER. THE CATALOGUE MAY BE VIEWED ONLINE AT WWW.ORCHIDSBYHAUSERMANN.COM/

THERE WILL ALSO BE AN ORDER PLACED WITH H&R IN APRIL. THE DEADLINE FOR ORDERS WILL BE THE APRIL MEETING. THE H&R CATALOGUE IS AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD AT WWW.HRNURSERIES.COM/DOWNLOAD.PHP

FINALLY, WE WILL BE PLACING AN ORDER WITH THE ORCHID INN, A FIRM THAT SPECIALIZES IN PAPHS AND PHRAGS. THE CATALOGUE IS AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING ONLINE AT WWW.ORCHIDINNUSA.COM/ THE PLANTS WILL BE SHIPPED FROM



TORONTO IN MID APRIL. DEADLINE FOR ORDERS IS THE MARCH MEETING. ORDER SHEETS MAY BE DOWNLOADED FROM THE SOCIETY WEB PAGE. A DEPOSIT EQUAL TO THE CANADIAN DOLLAR NUMBER OF US DOLLARS IS REQUIRED AT THE TIME OF ORDER.

BOOK SALE

THE LIBRARY WILL CONTINUE THE SALE OF BOOKS DONATED BY GARRY KUIKEN AT THE MARCH MEETING. PRICES WILL RANGE BETWEEN FIVE AND TEN DOLLARS. CHECK OUT THE ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME DEALS.

SLIDE SHOW

THERE IS A SPECIAL PRESENTATION IN MARCH THAT WILL REPLACE THE REGULAR SLIDE SHOW. JAMES SATHER WILL MAKE A POWERPOINT PRESENTATION ON THE ESSENTIALS OF ORCHID PHOTOGRAPHY.

LIGHT METERS

EARLY'S HAS LIGHT METERS IN STOCK AND THEY SELL FOR \$30.00 PLUS TAX. THESE ARE IDENTICAL TO THE METER WE HAVE IN THE LIBRARY

GARDENSCAPE

WE STILL REQUIRE VOLUNTEERS TO MAN THE DISPLAY AT GARDENSCAPE MARCH 31ST TO APRIL 2ND. SIGNUP SHEETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE MARCH MEETING. DISPLAY PLANTS MAY BE DROPPED OFF AT THE SHOW



PHAL BEDFORD GEM

*DID YOU KNOW THE
LIBRARY HAS ITEMS
TO GIVE AWAY?*



PHAL BELLINA

SITE ON THURSDAY, MARCH 26TH
FROM 5:00- 8:00 P. M.

MEETING AGENDA

- ANNOUNCEMENTS 1:30
- PROBLEM CORNER
- SHOW AND TELL
- COFFEE/SUPPLIES
- PRESENTATION
“ESSENTIALS OF ORCHID
PHOTOGRAPHY”
- PLANT RAFFLE
- PLANT SALE
- ADJOURNMENT

FEBRUARY 19TH MEETING MINUTES

THE MEETING BEGAN AT 1:30. FAITHE WELCOMED EVERYONE AND ASKED IF WE HAVE ANY GUESTS (2). THANK YOU TO PAMILA MANN WHO, WITH RICK VAN DYVENDYKE FROM DUTCH GROWERS, PROMOTED THE SASKATCHEWAN ORCHID SOCIETY AND ITS BENEFITS TO MEMBERSHIP ON THE GARDEN QUESTION AND ANSWER PROGRAM ON RADIO AT 9AM ON SATURDAY FEB 12, 2006.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT WEEKEND IS THE ORCHID SHOW IN EDMONTON WITH THE THEME “ORCHIDS IN FOCUS”. IT WILL BE HELD AT THE SOUTH CAMPUS, GRANT MACEWAN COLLEGE, 7319 – 29TH AVENUE, AND OUR CLUB IS GOING TO ATTEND WITH A DISPLAY.

FOR MEMBERS WHO HAVE NEVER GONE TO A SHOW, WHAT THIS INVOLVES IS THAT MEMBERS GO TO THE SITE A DAY EARLY TO SET UP THE DISPLAY. IN EDMONTON THIS IS THURSDAY, FEB 23, 2006 BETWEEN 9AM-7PM. THE FIRST THING THAT GETS DONE IS TO CAREFULLY UNPACK THE PLANTS. USUALLY THERE IS SOME THOUGHT AS TO EXACTLY HOW PLANTS WILL BE PRESENTS IN THE DISPLAY SO AN ARTISTIC MIND WORKS WELL HERE. IT IS NICE TO HAVE AT LEAST 2 MEMBERS TO DO THIS AS PLANTS ARE ENTERED FOR JUDGING AND THEN HAVE TO BE POSITIONED IN THE DISPLAY AREA.

ENTERING PLANTS FOR JUDGING

INVOLVES FILING IN REGISTRATION FORMS PROVIDED BY THE SHOW COMMITTEE AND FORTUNATELY EDMONTON ALLOWS PRE-REGISTRATION ON THE INTERNET. THEREFORE, ANYONE LENDING US YOUR BLOOMING PLANTS FOR THE DISPLAY THAT ARE TO BE JUDGED SHOULD INCLUDE AN ITEMIZED LIST OF ALL THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: PLANT NAME, PARENTAGE, IF IT IS A FIRST BLOOM SEEDLING, IF IT IS GROWN ON A WINDOWSILL OF ANY OTHER INFO THAT MAY BE HELPFUL.

ALSO BE SURE PLANTS ARE CLEAN (WIPE THEM WITH A DAMP CLOTH), REMOVE ALL DEAD OR YELLOWING LEAVES, CUT BROWN LEAF TIPS AT AN ANGLE SIMILAR TO NATURE, AND HAVE YOUR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER ON THE POT THE PLANT IS POTTED IN. HAVE REGISTRATION INFO TO BOB LUCAS PRIOR TO WEDNESDAY IF POSSIBLE SO HE MAY PRE-REGISTER (THANKS BOB!). HAVE ALL PLANTS TO BOB ON WEDNESDAY EVENING BETWEEN 6-8PM.

ONCE OUR DISPLAY IS UP, WE SIT BACK AND ENJOY THE OTHER DISPLAYS, BUY MORE PLANTS AND LEARN FROM THE ‘MASTERS’. THE SHOW IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON FRIDAY 12PM UNTIL SUNDAY 5PM. AT 5:01PM, WE WILL DISASSEMBLE THE DISPLAY. PLANTS HAVE TO BE CAREFULLY PACKED AND THE DISPLAY CLEANED UP. PLANTS AND DISPLAY MATERIALS ARE PACKED FOR THE TRIP BACK TO SASKATOON.

IS ANYONE GOING TO EDMONTON AND WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO TAKE PEOPLE AND BACK SOME PLANTS, IF NECESSARY?

NEXT MONTH WE WILL PARTICIPATE AT GARDENScape (MARCH 31 – APRIL 2, 2006). ONCE AGAIN WE WILL HAVE A DISPLAY AND WILL REQUIRE HELP TO 'MAN' THE BOOTH. SIGN-UP SHEETS WITH A DATE AND TIME ARE AT THE FRONT. WE NEED HELP. WE ALSO NEED BLOOMING PLANTS FOR THIS DISPLAY. I WILL TELL YOU MORE ABOUT THE DATE AND TIME FOR PLANT DROP-OFF NEXT MEETING.

VANCOUVER HAS PUT IN A BID TO THE AOS FOR A NEW JUDGING SITE IN THAT CITY. THERE IS ONE EXISTING IN TACOMA, WASH. BUT THEY WOULD LIKE ONE IN SALEM, OREGON AND VANCOUVER, BC. THIS SITE WILL TRAIN NEW JUDGES AND DUE TO THE AGE OF OUR CURRENT CANADIAN JUDGES, THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT. IF WE WANT JUDGED SHOWS IN WESTERN CANADA, SUPPORTING THIS JUDGING SITE MAY BE THE ONLY WAY TO HAVE JUDGES AVAILABLE AS CROSS BORDER TRAVEL WITH PLANTS IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT. WE HAVE WRITTEN A LETTER TO THE AOS JUDGING CHAIR WITH AN AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPAL TO SUPPORT THIS VENTURE PENDING A PROPOSED BUDGET. PLEASE REMEMBER TO USE THE LIBRARY. ONCE AGAIN THERE ARE GIVE-AWAYS, SEE ELLEN AND CAROL TO GET MORE INFORMATION.

UPCOMING PLANT ORDERS. HAUSERMANN ORDER IS DUE NEXT MEETING. PLEASE FILL OUT AN ORDER FORM FROM OUR INTERNET SITE AND ACCOMPANY WITH A DEPOSIT (\$25US PLANT REQUIRES \$25CDN DEPOSIT).

EARLY'S HAS JUST RECEIVED A SHIPMENT OF LIGHT METERS. ANYONE WANTING A LIGHT METER SHOULD GO OUT TO EARLY'S TO PICK ONE UP.

PROJECTED EVENTS FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS:
 MARCH MEETING – ORCHID PHOTOGRAPHY TIPS WITH JAMES SATHER
 APRIL MEETING - SPRING POTTING SPREE, BRING ONE PLANT AND POTTING MATERIALS AND THE EXECUTIVE WILL HELP YOU RE-POT
 MAY – TAKING YOUR ORCHIDS TO YOUR GREENHOUSE (PANEL DISCUSSION)

PROBLEM CORNER

NEW SHOOTS ON A CATTLEYA ARE BLACK, PLANT HAS BEEN SPRAYED WITH 5% HYDROGEN PEROXIDE WHICH HAS ARRESTED THE PROGRESS OF THE BLACK. REMOVE SHOOT AND USE CINNAMON AS AN ANTIFUNGAL AGENT. USE 70% ISOPROPYL ALCOHOL AND RINSE WITH WATER. INCREASE LIGHT, TEMPERATURE, AIR MOVEMENT AND REMOVE NECROTIC TISSUE. CLEAN TOOLS USED TO REMOVE DAMAGED TISSUE TO ENSURE THAT YOU ARE NOT SPREADING THIS. CATTLEYA LEAF IS PITTED AND LEATHERY. LEAVES ARE NOT SPOTTED, TRY MORE WATER, HIGHER HUMIDITY. IT APPEARS LEAF IS DEHYDRATED. THIS IS POKAI TANGERINE X BLC. CHOCOLATE SUN CROSS – TRY WARMER AS YELLOW CATTS LOVE HEAT. COCHLEANTHES HAS WRINKLED LEAVES, WHY? INCONSISTENT WATERING AND LOW HUMIDITY CAN DO THIS. INCREASE HUMIDITY AND WATCH YOUR WATERING PRACTICES.



PHAL SUN JE
DIAMOND

PAPH BLOOM IS DROOPING
TO MAKE YOUR PAPH BLOOMS
'LOOK UP' STAKE, STAKE, STAKE!

SHOW AND TELL

BOB FARTHING, BOB LUCAS,
CHERYL ADAMSON, RUTHANNE
HANBIDGE, JAMES SATHER,
SHERIDA GREGOIRE, CLAIRE
BULLARO, PAMELA MANN,
FAITHE PRODANUK

SILENT AUCTION

CONGRATULATIONS TO JOAN
LAPOINTE FOR THE WINNING
BID ON THE BOOK, FOR
\$10.00.

SLIDE SHOW

"MINIATURE ORCHID
SPECIES," BY PHIL ANDREWS

PLANT SALE
ADJOURNMENT.



WEB PAGE OF THE MONTH

EACH MONTH WE WILL FEATURE A
WEB PAGE. IF YOU HAVE A
FAVORITE, SEND IT TO THE EDITOR.
THIS MONTH'S FEATURE,
SUGGESTED BY RON KAUFMANN OF
THE ORCHID DIGEST IS
WWW.GROUND-ORCHIDS.DE

IT FEATURES A WONDERFUL
PHOTO GALLERY OF TERRESTRIAL
ORCHIDS AND IT SELLS FLASKS
AND PLANTS OF TERRESTRIAL
SPECIES FROM AROUND THE
WORLD. CHECK IT OUT TODAY

REPORT ON THE OSA SHOW

BY BOB LUCAS.

*OUR DISPLAY
GARNERED EIGHTEEN
RIBBONS..*

THE ORCHID SOCIETY OF
ALBERTA SHOW WAS HELD ON
FEBRUARY 24-26. WITH A THREE
DAY SHOW, AND SET-UP ON A
FOURTH, WE DECIDED TO SPLIT
THE DUTIES. CHERYL, SHERIDA,
AL, BOB AND JENN WOULD
TRANSPORT THE DISPLAY AND
PLANTS AND BE RESPONSIBLE
FOR THE SET-UP AND REGISTRAT-
ION OF THE PLANTS. AL, FAITHE
AND RODGER, HEATHER,
JOCELYN AND JENN WOULD TAKE
DOWN AND RETURN THE DISPLAY
AND PLANTS TO SASKATOON.
THE FIRST GROUP MET AT 6:00 P.
M. ON THE THURSDAY AND
WITHIN TWO HOURS WE WERE
FINISHED. WE WERE MOTIVATED
TO COMPLETE OUR DUTIES BY

THE LURE OF HUNDREDS OF
BLOOMING ORCHIDS IN THE
SALES AREA NEXT TO US. THERE
WERE ABOUT 15 VENDORS, IN-
CLUDING A COUPLE OF NEW
PHAL VENDORS.

THE NEXT MORNING I RETURNED
TO FIND OUR EXHIBIT HAD GAR-
NERED EIGHTEEN RIBBONS,
THREE FIRSTS [CHERYL, PAM,
CAROL], FIVE SECONDS [CHERYL
(2), BOB(2), RUTHANNE,] AND
TEN THIRDS [CHERYL(2),
FAITHE(2), CAROL(2), RUTHANNE
PAM, BOB AND JENN]. THERE
WAS NO SHOW AWARD, THE FIRST
TIME WE HAVE BEEN SHUT OUT IN
ABOUT FOUR YEARS. BUT THE

COMPETITION WAS VERY STIFF. BY ALL ACCOUNTS IT WAS AN IMPRESSIVE SHOWING BY THE SOS.

THERE WERE THREE AOS AWARDS PRESENTED, AN 82 POINT AM TO PHAL TAISUCO TUNELIP, GROWN BY HANK TAN, A CCM AND ONE OTHER THE DETAILS OF WHICH ESCAPE ME (IT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN A PHAL AWARD). PAUL PALUDET WON THE BEST DISPLAY AWARD. WITH OVER 650 FLOWER ENTRIES AND 829 IN ALL, THE OSA SHOW CONTINUES TO BE THE PREMIER SHOW ON THE PRAIRIES.

IN ADDITION TO THE DISPLAYS OF ORCHIDS AND THE CHANCE TO INCREASE ONE'S COLLECTION OF PLANTS, A SHOW AFFORDS ONE THE

OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW FRIENDSHIPS AND FORGE NEW ONES. A FRIDAY NIGHT MEAL AT THE RED OX WITH BEN AND CATHERINE, LIZ AND HOWARD GINSBERG WAS A SPECIAL TIME AS WAS SHARING A TABLE WITH HANK TAN, PAUL PAULADET, HOWARD AND BEN AT THE AWARDS BANQUET. TALK TURNED TO THE POSSIBILITY OF HANK ESCORTING US THROUGH THE MANY PHAL NURSURIES IN TAIWAN, AS HE IS AN EXPATRIATE AND STILL SPEAKS THE LANGUAGE.

ON SUNDAY, THE SECOND PARTY BROKE DOWN THE DISPLAY AND HEATHER, WHO GRACIOUSLY VOLUNTEERED TO DRIVE THE RENTED VAN, JOCELYN AND JENN BROUGHT THE ORCHIDS SAFELY HOME. SOME PICTURES OF THE SHOW FOLLOW.



PHAL TEXAS FANCY



