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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 YOU WISH TO SWITCH FROM PAPER TO ELECTRONIC DELIVERY, NOTIFY ME AT (ROBERT.LUCAS@USASK.CA). EMAIL ME IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED YOUR ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER BY THE THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH.

JANUARY MEETING

THE JANUARY MEETING OF THE SOCIETY WILL BE HELD ON JAN. 25TH AT DUTCH GROWERS, COMMENCING AT 1:30 P.M.

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOS

AS NOTED IN SEPTEMBER, THIS IS THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SASKATCHEWAN ORCHID SOCIETY. AS PART OF THE CELEBRATIONS OF THIS EVENT, THE EDITOR IS SEEKING STORIES AND PICTURES OF THE EARLY DAYS OF THE SOCIETY FOR A COMMEMORATIVE ARTICLE FOR THE NEWSLETTER. PLEASE SEND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE EMAIL ADDRESS NOTED ABOVE.

OSA SHOW

THE ORCHID SOCIETY OF ALBERTA SHOW AND SALE WILL BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 22-24, 2008. THE SOS IS LOOKING FOR INDIVIDUALS TO VOLUNTEER FOR EITHER SETTING UP OR TAKING DOWN A SOCIETY DISPLAY. PLEASE CONTACT SHERIDA IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING.

VISITING SPEAKER

WE WILL HAVE BEN ROSTRON OF EDMONTON VISITING US IN JANUARY. BEN IS A FORMER MEMBER OF THE SOS AND HE IS PRESENTLY WORKING TOWARDS CERTIFICATION AS AN AOS JUDG. SOME OF HIS NOTABLE ORCHID ACITIVITIES INCLUDE FINDING



MALAXIS PALUDOSA IN-SITU, FINDING ALBESCENT CALYPSO BULBOSA IN-SITU, WINNING BEST HYBRID AT THE COC IN REGINA (1997), WINNING SEVERAL OSA SHOW TROPHIES, GETTING SEVERAL AOS NOMINATIONS, AND GETTING AN AOS AWARD TO ONE OF HIS PLANTS (RED HOT IMP 'CATHERINE' HCC/AOS). THE TITLE OF HIS PRESENTATION IS "PHAL SPECIES: OLD FRIENDS AND WHAT'S NEW."

SINCE BEN WILL NOT BE BRINGING PLANTS FOR SALE, YOU ARE FREE TO BRING YOUR OWN. REMEMBER THE SOS TAKES 10 PERCENT OF THE PRICE TO SUPPORT CLUB ACTIVITIES.

RENEWAL COUPON

BE SURE TO SPEND YOUR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL COUPON AT THE RESOURCES TABLE BEFORE ITS EXPIRY ON JANUARY 31/09

GARDENSCAPE

GARDENSCAPE WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 27-29 AND THE SOS WILL ENTER A DISPLAY. FURTHER INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE NEXT TWO NEWSLETTERS.

MEETING AGENDA

- ANNOUNCEMENTS
- PROBLEM CORNER
- SHOW AND TELL
- COFFEE/SUPPLIES
- PRESENTATION
- PLANT RAFFLE AND SALE
- ADJOURNMENT

NOVEMBER 23RD MEETING MINUTES

THE PRESIDENT WELCOMED GUESTS AND NEW MEMBERS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

I WISH TO REMIND EVERYONE THERE IS NO MEETING IN DECEMBER. THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE JANUARY 25TH.

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SAFeway HAS DONATED A NUMBER OF PHALS AND CHERYL GRUMMETT HAS DONATED FOUR PASSES TO THE SUN DOG CRAFT FAIR FOR THE RAFFLE TODAY.

THE LIGHT ORDER HAS ARRIVED AND YOUR LIGHTS MAY BE PICKED UP AT THE RESOURCES TABLE.

EUGENE KUCEY HAS AN OAK PLANT STAND WITH LIGHTS AND A BRASS PLANT STAND FOR SALE.

THE PRESENTATION TODAY WILL FEATURE SHERIDA AND JAMES S. WHO WILL SPEAK ON LIGHTS AND WATER FOR OPTIMAL CULTURE

PROBLEM CORNER

A PHAL WITH SCARRING ON THE LEAVES AND HAS MEALY BUGS. TRY REPOTTING THE PLANT, CLEANING IT WELL AND SPRAYING WITH RUBBING ALCOHOL (OR END ALL) AND THEN RINSE WITH WATER. REPEAT THE SPRAY PROCESS EVERY TWO WEEKS.

A PHAL IN FULL BLOOM HAS LOST ALL ITS LEAVES. COULD BE CULTURE OR WATER PROBLEM.

SHOW AND TELL

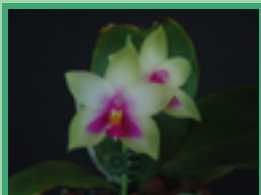
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PLANT RAFFLE

PLANT SALE



PHAL BEDFORD GEM



PHAL BELLINA

PLANTS FOR SALE

ODM. B.C. ROSS VIMO X ODA.(FEUERSCHEIN X BROCADA)	\$8.00
ONC. SHARRY BABY "SWEET FRAGRANCE"(TWO PLANTS)	\$8.00
ONC. SWEET SUGAR "GOLDENSTAR"	\$8.00
DTPS. NEWBERRY PARFAIT "PICOTEE" AM/AOS	\$10.00
BURR. STEFAN ISLER 10 X VUYL EDNA X ONC. LEUCOCHILUM	\$8.00
COLMANARIA "WILDCAT"	\$8.00
EPLC. 'LEMON TRICK	\$10.00
PHAL. AMABILIS	\$5.00
MILTONIOPSIS BLEUANA SPECIES	\$8.00
CAT. LODDIACA (C.AURANTIACA X LODDIGESTI)	\$5.00
POT. HOKU GEM 'SUPER SPOTS' AM/AOS	\$10.00
LAELIOCATTALYA PUPPY LOVE 'TRUE BEAUTY' HCC/AOS	\$10.00
PHAL. DANGLING STARS	\$5.00

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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 SITE IS COURTESY OF RON KAUFMANN OF ORCHID DIGEST.

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FOR HIGH QUALITY PLANTS, YOU CAN DO NO BETTER THAN KRULL-SMITH. THE FIRM HAS A HISTORY OF PRODUCING QUALITY PAPHS, CATTS, AND PHAL SPECIES. IT RECENTLY RECEIVED AN FCC AND AN AQ FOR ITS BELINA BREEDING

WHAT'S IN A NAME? BY GERRY BOLCE

(REPRINTED WITH PERMISSION FROM THE COC NEWLETTER, VOLUNE 16:2, MARCH, 2004)

YOU JUST BOUGHT AN ORCHID? DONT LOSE THE NAME TAG!

- IT IDENTIFIES THE KIND OF ORCHID IT IS IN CASE YOU WANT TO ASK FOR HELP OR JUST BRAG.
- IT CAN TELL YOU A LOT ABOUT WHAT CULTURE IS REQUIRED.
- IF SOMEONE SAW YOUR NICE FLOWER, THEY WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT IT IS CALLED.
- SERIOUS ORCHID GROWERS /COLLECTORS NEED TO KNOW THE PEDIGREE TO KNOW HOW IT RELATES TO OTHER BREEDING
- THE NAME IS NEEDED FOR DISPLAY/JUDGING PURPOSES.

YEARS AGO PLANTS AND ANIMALS WERE CLASSIFIED AND ORGANIZED INTO A STRUCTURE THAT SHOWED THE RELATIONSHIPS OF ONE ORGANISM TO ANOTHER. A SET OF RULES DEFINES HOW EVERYTHING IS TO BE NAMED. LATIN WAS THE UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE OF SCIENCE AT THE TIME AND IS STILL USED TODAY IN THE NAMING CONVENTIONS.

AS A SIMPLE EXAMPLE, WE HAVE: CATTLEYA SCHILLERIANA THE FIRST PART OF THE NAME TELLS US THAT WE HAVE A MEMBER OF THE CATTLEYA GENUS. THE SECOND PART TELLS US THAT IT IS THE SPECIES SCHILLERIANA.

THERE ARE MANY OTHER SPECIES OF CATTLEYA, BUT THIS IS A SPECIFIC ONE. ALSO NOTE THAT THE WORD "CATTLEYA" IS CAPITALIZED - THE GENUS IS ALWAYS CAPITALIZED. THE SPECIES SCHILLERIANA IS IN LOWER CASE - A SPECIES NAME IS ALWAYS IN LOWER CASE. AND ANOTHER POINT - WE HAVE A SPECIES - THE SINGULAR FORM IS "SPECIES" NOT "SPECIE". A LITTLE LOOKING WOULD TELL US THAT THE GENUS WAS NAMED AFTER A WILLIAM CATTLEY IN 1842 AND THIS SPECIES WAS NAMED AFTER A MR. SCHILLER. BECAUSE IT IS A SPECIES, THE NAMES HAVE BEEN LATINIZED.

NOW FOR ANOTHER EXAMPLE: SLC JEWEL BOX 'SCHEHERAZADE' THE "SLC" STANDS FOR "SOPHRO-LAELIOCATTLEYA". WELL IT SEEMS THAT SOME ORCHIDS OF ONE GENUS WILL ACTUALLY CROSS WITH ORCHIDS OF A DIFFERENT GENUS. THE RESULT IS AN INTERGENERIC HYBRID. IN THIS CASE WE HAVE A SOPHRONITIS SPECIES CROSSED WITH A LAELIA CROSSED WITH A CATTLEYA. NO, NOT ALL AT THE SAME TIME! ANYWAY, WE NOW HAVE A HYBRID THAT WAS CALLED "JEWEL BOX". NOTICE THE CAPITAL LETTERS - IT IS NOT A SPECIES. THE WORD IN QUOTES, "SCHEHERAZADE" IS THE



PHAL SUN JE
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THE CLONAL NAME TELLS US WHICH SPECIFIC PARENTS WERE USED IN THE CROSS.

NAME GIVEN TO ONE SPECIAL PLANT OF THIS CROSS, A SPECIFIC CLONE. THERE WERE MANY BABIES FROM THIS CROSS BUT ONE REALLY STOOD OUT AND IT HAD TO HAVE A NAME OF ITS OWN. IF YOUR PLANTS DON'T ALREADY HAVE A CLONAL NAME, YOU CAN GIVE THEM ONE OF YOUR OWN.

A MORE COMPLICATED ONE::
PAPHIOPEDILUM ARMENI WHITE
(ARMENIACUM 'SPECTACULAR II'
FCC/AOS X DELANATII 'PINK
MIST')

THE CAPITALS ON "ARMENI WHITE" TELL US THAT THIS IS A HYBRID WITHIN THE GENUS PAPHIOPEDILUM. THE BRACKETS SIGNAL THAT WHAT FOLLOW TELLS US ABOUT THE PARENTS. "ARMENI WHITE" IS A CROSS BETWEEN PAPHIOPEDILUM ARMENIACUM AND PAPHIOPEDILUM DELANATII.

THE CLONAL NAMES TELL US WHICH SPECIFIC PARENTS WERE USED IN THE CROSS. BY CONVENTION, THE SEED-PRODUCING (FEMALE) PARENT IS LISTED FIRST, FOLLOWED BY THE "X", FOLLOWED BY THE POLLEN (MALE) PARENT. IT IS SOMETIMES VERY IMPORTANT TO KNOW WHICH WAS WHICH.

THE GROUP OF PLANTS RESULTING FROM THE CROSS IS CALLED A GREX.. THE OTHER THING PRESENT, THE "FCC/AOS" IS AN AWARD DESIGNATION. THE AMERICAN ORCHID SOCIETY (AOS) HAS MANY TYPES OF AWARDS, THIS ONE BEING A FIRST CLASS CERTIFICATE. THE COMMON AWARDS ARE HCC, AM, AND FCC, THE FCC BEING THE HIGHEST.

LET US SAY THAT MY PLANT OF THIS CROSS JUST WON AN AM/AOS AND I CALLED THE PLANT "SNOW QUEEN", WHAT WOULD MY LABEL LOOK LIKE?
PAPHIOPEDILUM ARMENI WHITE
'SNOW QUEEN' AM/AOS
(ARMENIACUM 'SPECTACULAR II'
FCC/AOS X DELANATII 'PINK MIST')

WHAT IF I DIVIDE THE PLANT TO SELL A PIECE - WHAT GOES ON THE TAG? THE ANSWER IS, JUST WHAT IS ON IT NOW. THEY ARE BOTH THE SAME CLONE. WHAT IF I DIVIDE THE PLANT, SELL THE PIECE AND THAT PIECE WINS AN AWARD? ANSWER, : THE CLONAL NAME AND AWARD CAN NOW BE PUT ON MY PLANT'S NAME TAG. IT IS THE SAME ACTUAL PLANT OR CLONE. A DIFFERENT PLANT OF THE SAME CROSS DOESN'T COUNT.

AND FINALLY,:POTINARA LITTLE TOSHIE 'GOLDEN FANTASY' (BLC TOSHIE AOKI X SC BEAUFORT)

THE THING TO NOTE HERE IS THAT ONE PARENT IS A "BLC" WHICH STANDS FOR "BRASSOLAEIO-CATTLEYA" AND "SC" WHICH IS "SOPHROCATTLEYA". THE GENERA COMBINED IN THIS CROSS ARE BRASSAVOLA, LAELIA, CATTLEYA WITH SOPHRONITIS AND CATTLEYA. THIS COMBINATION OF FOUR GENERA IS CALLED A POTINARA. THE LINK BELOW GIVES A TABLE OF ALL THE INTERGENERIC GENUS NAMES WITH THEIR ABBREVIATION.

YOU MIGHT ALSO FIND A COUPLE OTHER TERMS ON A PLANT LABEL FROM TIME TO TIME. ONE IS SELF, WHICH INDICATES THAT THE PARENT WAS SELF-POLLINATED. THE LABEL USUALLY SHOWS XSELF. THE OTHER POSSIBILITY IS SIB OR SIB-CROSS, USUALLY ABBREVIATED XSIB OR XSIBLING. TECHNICALLY THIS REFERS TO A BROTHER-SISTER CROSS, BUT IT IS GENERALLY USED

TO REFER TO TWO DIFFERENT CLONES BEING CROSSED.

ORCHID HYBRID NAMES ARE REGISTERED BY THE ROYAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY. THEY HAVE A WEB SITE (LISTED BELOW) THAT PROVIDES ACCESS TO THE NAME REGISTRY. IT IS ALWAYS A GOOD IDEA TO LOOK UP YOUR HYBRID NAME TO SEE IF THE NAME HAS ACTUALLY BEEN REGISTERED, IF IT IS SPELLED CORRECTLY, AND TO DETERMINE THE PARENTS. IF YOU HAVE THE PARENTS ONLY, CHECK TO SEE IF THE CROSS HAS BEEN NAMED.

FOR MORE INFORMATION HERE ARE A FEW LINKS:

- THE AMERICAN ORCHID SOCIETY – [HTTP://ORCHIDWEB.ORG/](http://orchidweb.org/)
- INTERGENERIC ORCHID GENUS NAMES [HTTP://RETIRES.UWATERLOO.CA/~JERRY/ORCHIDS/INTERGEN.HTML](http://retires.uwaterloo.ca/~jerry/orchids/intergen.html)
- RHS ORCHID REGISTER SEARCH, FIND THE PARENTS OF YOUR HYBRID [HTTP://WWW..RHS.ORG.UK/RESEARCH/REGISTERPAGES/ORCHIDSEARCH.ASP](http://www.rhs.org.uk/research/registerpages/orchidsearch.asp)
- RHS ORCHID REGISTER SEARCH, SEE IF YOUR CROSS HAS BEEN NAMED [HTTP://WWW.RHS.ORG.UK/RESEARCH/REGISTERPAGES/ORCHID_PARENTAGE.ASP](http://www.rhs.org.uk/research/registerpages/orchid_parentage.asp)

CHECKLIST FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

BY NED NASH AND JAMES ROSE. (EXCERPTED FROM THE AOS WEBPAGE, WWW.AOS.ORG.)

CATTLEYA

WATERING AND FERTILIZING WILL BE AT A MINIMUM, AS WILL POTTING. BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR SENESCING SHEATHS ON YOUR WINTER-INTO-SPRING BLOOMERS

GLOSSARY

CLONE

AN INDIVIDUAL PLANT RAISED FROM A SINGLE SEED, WITH ALL ITS SUBSEQUENT VEGETATIVE PROPAGATIONS

GENUS

A SUBDIVISION OF A FAMILY, CONSISTING OF ONE OR MORE SPECIES WHICH SHOW SIMILAR CHARACTERISTICS AND APPEAR TO HAVE A COMMON ANCESTRY

GENERA

PLURAL OF GENUS.

GREX

A FLOCK OR GROUP, APPLIED COLLECTIVELY TO THE OFFSPRING OF A GIVEN CROSS.

HYBRID

THE OFFSPRING RESULTING FROM A UNION OF A SPECIES OR HYBRID WITH ANOTHER SPECIES OR HYBRID.

INTERGENERIC

A CROSS BETWEEN OR AMONG TWO OR MORE GENERA.

SELFING OR SELF-POLLINATION

THE POLLINATION OF A FLOWER WITH POLLEN FROM THE SAME PLANT.

SPECIES

A KIND OF PLANT DISTINCT FROM OTHER KINDS.

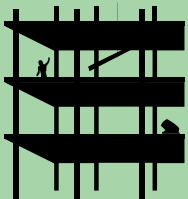


PHAL TEXAS FANCY



CAREFUL REMOVAL OF THE DYING SHEATHS WILL STILL ALLOW BUDS TO DEVELOP WITHOUT THE DANGER OF CONDENSATION-INDUCED ROT. LOW LIGHT WILL LEAD TO WEAK SHEATHS, SO AND AS NOTED

*THERE REALLY IS NO
WRONG TIME TO POT
A PAPHIOPEDILUM.*



ABOVE, STAKING IS CRITICAL. IF YOU HAVE A CHANCE TO GET OUT TO NURSERIES, THERE MAY STILL BE A CHANCE TO ACQUIRE GOOD PLANTS IN SHEATH FOR SPRING BLOOM. GETTING THEM NOW NOT ONLY ENSURES THAT YOU'LL HAVE THEM, BUT ALLOWS THEM TO ACCLIMATE TO YOUR CONDITIONS AND BLOOM AT THEIR BEST.

CYMBIDIUM

WE ARE WELL INTO THE FLOWERING SEASON NOW. OUTDOOR GROWERS SHOULD BE CAUTIOUS OF FREEZING TEMPERATURES. DAMAGE STARTS TO OCCUR BELOW 30 F. BE DILIGENT ABOUT TYING THE INFLORESCENCES FOR BEST ARRANGEMENT OF THE FLOWERS. ALSO WATCH CLOSELY FOR SLUGS AND SNAILS. IF WEATHER IS QUITE WET, PROTECT THE PLANTS FROM THE RAIN AND THIS WILL HELP TO REDUCE THE RISK OF BOTRYTIS SPOTTING.

LYCASTE

THE MOST GLORIOUS OF ALL ORCHIDS, LYCASTE, WILL BE MOVING TOWARD THEIR FLOWERING SEASON. MAKE SURE THE PALM-LIKE LEAVES DO NOT INTERFERE WITH THE EMERGING INFLORESCENCES. TYING THEM LOOSELY TOGETHER OFTEN IS HELPFUL. SOME GROWERS CUT THE LEAVES OFF AT THE PSEUDO-BULB, BUT THIS REMOVES PART OF THE ATTRACTIVENESS OF THIS ELEGANT ORCHID. RESIST PICKING UP THE PLANT TO INSPECT THOSE BEAUTIFUL BUDS AND THEN SETTING IT DOWN IN ALL DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS AS THE FLOWER BUDS WILL BE FORCED TO RE-ORIENT THEMSELVES TO THE LIGHT SOURCE EACH TIME AND WILL NOT OPEN AS NICELY AS THEY SHOULD. KEEP PLANTS A LITTLE DRIER DURING THE SHORTER DAYS.

ODONTOGLOSSUMS

ODONTOGLOSSUMS AND THEIR INTERGENERIC HYBRIDS OFFER A GREAT SPLASH OF COLOR NOW.

THOUGH ONCE THOUGHT OF AS BEING DIFFICULT TO GROW AND REQUIRING COOL TEMPERATURES DUE TO THE EMPHASIS ON ODONTOGLOSSUM BREEDING, THE NEW INTERGENERIC HYBRIDS MADE USING ONCIDIUM AND BRASSIA, FOR EXAMPLE, ARE JUST THE OPPOSITE. THESE PLANTS ARE QUITE CONTENT IN MORE INTERMEDIATE CONDITIONS. NEW GROWTHS GENERALLY EMERGE IN THE SPRING, LATER FORMING BEAUTIFUL PLUMP PSEDOBULBS. LOOK FOR THE FLOWER SPIKES TO EMERGE FROM THE INNER SHEATH OF THE PSEDOBULB. IF YOUR PLANT'S PSEDOBULBS ARE SHRIVELED, THEN THE PLANTS HAVE BEEN KEPT TOO DRY OR TOO WET. INSPECT THE ROOTS TO DETERMINE WHICH CONDITION PREVAILED. IF THE LEAD PSEDOBULB IS LARGE, PLUMP AND GREEN (AND BACK BULBS ARE SHRIVELED) BUT NO FLOWER SPIKE IS EVIDENT, THE PLANTS MAY HAVE BEEN KEPT TOO DRY.

PAPHIOPEDILUM

THE STANDARD PAPHIOPEDILUM INSIGNE-DERIVED HYBRIDS, WHICH ARE CALLED "BULL DOGS" AND "TOADS," ARE AT THEIR PEAK. UNLIKE MOST OTHER ORCHIDS, THEY CAN EVEN BE POTTED WHILE IN BUD. THERE REALLY IS NO WRONG TIME TO POT A PAPHIOPEDILUM, AND NO OTHER ORCHID RESPONDS SO FAVORABLY TO FRESH MIX AND A CLEANUP. KEEP AN EYE ON WATERING UNTIL ROOTS BEGIN TO GROW

PHALAEOPSIS

NOW IS THE PEAK OF SPIKE DEVELOPMENT, WITH THE FIRST PLANTS IN FULL FLOWER. STAKING AND PLANT PREPARATION IS A MUST FOR THOSE ALL-IMPORTANT SPRING SHOWS. CORRECT STAKING NOW WILL GIVE A BETTER DISPLAY AND ALSO MAKE IT MUCH EASIER TO TRANSPORT TO YOUR SOCIETY MEETINGS AND SHOWS. CARE WITH WATERING IS VITAL TO AVOID MECHANICAL DAMAGE TO THE FLOWERS, AS WELL AS ROT-RELATED PROBLEMS. KEEP SPENT BLOOMS CLEANED UP TO AVOID BOTRYTIS INOCULATION. DO NOT REPOT THIS MONTH. NOW YOU'LL BE SEEING LOTS OF PHALAEOPSIS AT ORCHID SHOWS AND SALES.