

NEWSLETTER



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Future Meeting Dates:

October 27, 2013	November 17, 2013	January 26, 2014
February 23, 2014	March 23, 2014	April 27, 2014

September Meeting

The September general meeting of the Society will be held on **Sept. 22, 2013** at John Dolan School, commencing at 1:30 p.m. Shawn Hillis from Garden Slippers Orchids will give a presentation on Cyripediums. He will also bring plants for sale.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The September meeting will feature a visit by Shawn Hillis of Garden Slippers in Calgary. He will give a presentation entitled, "Cypripediums: Jewels of the Shade Garden." He will also bring cyps for sale. You may view his plant list on the Society web page www.saskorchids.com Not all plants on this list will be available. You may email him at sthillis@telus.net for information on availability if you are interested in a preorder. **In accordance with Society policy, we ask that you do not bring your own plants for sale at the September meeting.**

If you did not partake of the incentive to renew your membership for 2013-14 in the Spring, you should do so at the September meeting.

A warm welcome is extended to Karen Zoller who joined the SOS last May.

The Sept. meeting will have a raffle of plants donated by Safeway. Be sure to purchase your tickets from Tracey or Jan at the Library table, \$1 for one, \$2 for three.

An orchid order will be placed with Sunset Valley Orchids in California. Fred Clarke specializes in mincatts and catasetinae. You may access his plant list at www.sunsetvalleyorchids.com Submit your order to Cheryl orchidcrazy.cheryl@gmail.com or Heather heather.jane.anderson@gmail.com by October 4th. There will be a small charge per plant for inspection (phytosanitary), packing, handling and shipping..

If you borrowed items from the Library for use over the summer, please return them at the September meeting in order for others to have an opportunity to access them.

The SOS has purchased a series of Orchid Digest powerpoint slides & presenter notes on CD's. We have made them available at the library for members. A list follows:

"Masdevallias and Draculas: The Species, Hybrids and Culture" by Sandra Svoboda, 2011

"Forty Species for Your Greenhouse" by Sandra Svoboda, 2011

"Paphiopedilums The Connoisseurs' Orchids" by Jim Clarkson, 2010

"Orchid Pests" by Loren Batchman of Casa de las Orquideas, 2011

"Catesetum, Cycnoches, and Mormodes" by Fred Clarke, Sunset Valley Orchids, 2011

"Orchid Diseases" by Loren Batchman from Casa de las Orquideas, 2011

"Phalaenopsis: The Species and their Culture" by Paul and Ann Tuskes,

Meeting Agenda

- Announcements
- Problem Corner
- Show and Tell
- Coffee/Supplies
- Shawn Hillis Presentation
- Plant Raffle
- Plant Sale
- Adjournment



Phal Bedford Golden Victory

MAY 27 MINUTES

Announcements

Sherida welcomed everyone to the May meeting. Sherida is filling in today for Cal.

Chuck Taylor of Edmonton will be giving a presentation and will be selling plants

As an incentive for membership renewal, we are offering a Phal seedling or a \$5.00 voucher redeemable at the Resources table until January, 2014.

This is your last chance to purchase supplies for the summer. Someone purchased a tall black pot last month that was missing the mesh bottom It is available at the Resources table.

There will be an order placed with Forestview with an order deadline of August 3rd. An order to Sunset Valley Orchids will be placed in October. Further details will be provided at the September meeting.

There are miltonias and cymbidiums available for the plant raffle that were donated by Safeway

A field trip to Pike Lake is planned for the end of June. Members can sign up if interested.

and you will be contacted with a date and time for the outing.

Sale plants are available from Chuck Taylor. If you are interested, please give your membership number to Cheryl G. The sale will be by lottery and please choose one plant initially.

Thank you to Lisa, Judy, Obey and Ted for snacks for today's meeting.

Wilma Nykiforuk Award

Sarah Nykiforuk will assist Sherida in choosing the 'best' plant from the Show and Tell table for the Award.

Show and Tell Draw

Each May we award by lottery one participant in the Show and Tell segment of the year's general meetings. Each time you show plants you are automatically entered into the draw.

Problem Corner

A Paph flower began blooming upside down then righted itself, the plant now has a second bud. What could cause this? It was suggested

that the bud might have been impacted in the leaf. Since the plant appears healthy, it should be of no concern.

A Cattleya (LC) has growth that has fallen off and has dark markings. There might be spider mites causing a secondary infection. Try treating the plant with neem oil.

A Phrag was shown with severe bleaching of leaves. Since the new leaf is okay, the cause may be too much light. Try moving it away from the sodium light.

What can be done about bud blasting on Phals potted in bark and clay pellets? It was suggested to grow it in open bark and water more regularly. The plant likely does not have enough energy to develop the buds.

Show and Tell

Plants were shown by Cheryl Adamson, Pat Randall, Mary Orchard, Tracey Thue, Jennifer Burgess, Yvette Lyster, and Bob Lucas

Show and Tell Draw

Merle Ward was drawn as this year's winner. She received a miltonia.

Wilma Nikyforuk Award

This award was given to Yvette Lyster for the choice show-and-tell plant, a floriferous dendrobium, adjudicated by Sarah Nikyforuk and Sherida Gregoire. Yvette received a maxillaria.

Program Presentation

Chuck Taylor gave a power point presentation on cultural tips, which included watering strategies he has adopted in his greenhouse to simplify the care of his plants. Many photos of his varied orchid collection were shown to illustrate his points.

Plant Raffle

Miltonia and cymbidium plants were donated by Safeway

Plant sale

Chuck Taylor sold many plants, predominantly phrags and aerangis. The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:30 p. m.

SOS MAY SHOW AND TELL TABLE



Phal. Buddha Rose Exhibitor: Bob Lucas



Paph. haynaldianum Exhibitor: Mary Orchard



Den. Rainbow Dancer Exhibitor: Evette Lyster



Psychopsis papilio Exhibitor: Jenn Burgess



Lc. Auzzie Sunset Exhibitor: Pat Randall



Miltonia Sunset Exhibitor: Cheryl Adamson



Paph. Franz Glanz Exhibitor: Bob Lucas

MONTHLY CHECKLIST FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

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Cycnoches chlorochilon, the green swan orchid.

Cattleya

Despite the shortening days and lowering angle of the sun, September can still be one of the hottest months. Water and fertilizer need to be in balance with heat and light. The alert grower will notice, however, that his or her plants are beginning to slow down a bit. Growths are maturing, and the sheaths are giving the promise of the next six-months' bloom.

Check plants for potting needs for the last time this season. Any in dire need should be potted, even some that may be on the cusp, as there is just enough of the growing season left to allow the plants to establish before the days start to get really short and cold.

This is the month for purples derived from Cattleya

labiata breeding to flower. If you are short on flowers, look into this group. There is nothing that can quite match this type for beauty and fragrance. They are easy to grow, too.

Plants summered outdoors should begin to be prepared to be brought back into the winter growing area. Clean the plants up and be on the lookout for any pests they may have picked up during the summer. Treat as necessary.

Cycnoches

This little-known and under-appreciated genus, which can have male or female flowers, is at its best in the autumn. Two of the spectacular varieties are *Cycnoches loddigesii*, with its large brown flowers resembling a prehistoric bird, and *Cycnoches chlorochilon*, the swan orchid. This last one has large, fragrant green flowers. The biggest problem, culturally, will be red spider mite infestations that require immediate attention. Plants are quite seasonal, requiring heavy watering in the growing season and then a drier dormant winter season.

Cymbidium

Summer can be the most rewarding season for cymbidiums. Growths should be coming strong now. The leaves of the new growths are best when they are broad and fairly stiff. The color should be a light green to nearly yellow. Early flowering

varieties should be showing flower spikes, so move the plants into a cooler area with lower light. For mid-season varieties, lower the dosage of nitrogen to assist in spike initiation.

Dendrobium

This is a good season for hybrids of the *Dendrobium phalaenopsis* and *Dendrobium canaliculatum* types. Both are capable of putting on tremendous shows of long-lasting flowers. Fertilize with a low-nitrogen formula to promote the best flowers. *Dendrobium phalaenopsis* can get tall and top heavy, suggesting an attractive and heavy container would be appropriate for this type.



Dendrobium Burana Stripe is a popular and easy *phalaenopsis*-type hybrid.

Rhynchosele bictoniensis

Both *Rhynchosele bictoniensis* and its hybrids bloom in this season. *Rhynchosele bictoniensis*, (formerly known as *Lemboglossum*, *Odontoglossum*) is a showy species from Mexico that has three different color forms: *sulphureum* (green with white lip), *album* (brown with

white lip) and roseum (brown with a pink lip). It is a vigorous grower with tall inflorescences of many flowers, and imparts to its progeny (as seen in *Odcdm.* Bittersweet and *Odm.* bicross) ease of culture, warmth tolerance and eye-catching patterns. They make a prime candidate for *Odontoglossum* beginners and advanced alike.

Paphiopedilum

Standard, green-leaved *Paphiopedilums* begin to show their bloom sheaths this month. Late-season heat waves can blast these early sheaths, so be observant about proper cooling and air circulation. As with the rest of your plants that may have been summered outdoors, it is

time to prepare for their move inside. Clean each plant and implement pest-control practices. Repotting, if necessary, is appropriate.

Phalaenopsis

The bulk of this season's growth is being ripened this month, with growers in cooler climates seeing the first emerging inflorescences. Some night heating may be necessary in the cooler areas. Begin to watch watering more carefully, and reduce feeding proportionately with reduced watering needs. An extra dose of phosphorus and potassium, such as a bloom-booster or high-acid-type fertilizer, is beneficial.

Rossioglossum grande

Once known as *Odontoglossum grande*, this is a spectacular orchid with six to eight flowers up to 8 inches across. Often known as the tiger orchid, it has bright golden yellow flowers heavily marked with chestnut brown barring. The plants are beautiful with a grey-green cast to the foliage, which is borne on succulent pseudobulbs. It prefers hot and wet summers with cooler, even down to 40 F, dry winters. Grow under filtered light. Watch for snails and slugs that eat the flowers, pseudobulbs and leaves.



Rossioglossum grande shows off its large, dramatic flowers.

The AOS thanks Ned Nash and James Rose for this essay.