

# NEWSLETTER



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## Future Meeting Dates:

May 24, 2015	Sep 27, 2015	Oct 25, 2015
Nov 22, 2015	Jan 24, 2016	Feb 28, 2016

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## May Meeting

The May general meeting of the Society will be held on

**May 24, 2015** at John Dolan School, commencing at 1:30 p.m.

The meeting will feature guest speaker Dr. Paul Paludet, sharing his expertise in growing and flowering orchids.



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Guest speaker** The May meeting will feature guest speaker Dr. Paul Paludet from Edmonton, who will be sharing with us his growing methods. Dr. Paludet is an accomplished grower, winning AOS awards for both plants and displays.

Thank you to all members who brought plants for the annual SOS silent auction. Sales raised \$610.25 for the Society. Photo of auction in progress at right.

**2015 COC** Show Co-chair Heather Anderson has been working on a financial statement for the show and will share details with the membership at the May meeting. A preliminary description is included at the end of this newsletter.

The Canadian Orchid Congress executive has negotiated with OrchidWiz a 50% volume discount to members of all COC societies if over 20 licences are purchased at once. More details are provided on page 7 of this newsletter issue. There will be a discussion at the May meeting and names taken of those interested in purchasing OrchidWiz Encyclopedia 11.3. If you would like to purchase a copy and will be unable to attend the meeting, please contact Bob Lucas. The order must be

submitted to the COC by June 8, 2015.

**Plant sale** Our guest speaker will not be bringing plants for sale, therefore you are encouraged to bring your own divisions for the sale table.

**Plant raffle** There will be a plant raffle this month, with plants donated by Saskatoon Coop. Tickets can be purchased from Jan

registration members will be eligible for a \$5 gift certificate, redeemable at the SOS resource table until the January 2016 meeting, or a near blooming size Oncidium Twinkles 'Pink Profusion' from Forestview Gardens. There are a limited number of plants available on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Show & Tell** If you have a flowering orchid, please bring it to the meeting and tell us about it. If you are shy about standing in front of the group to speak, bring a few notes on how you grow and flower it and Bob or Sherida will be happy to present the



or Deb at the library table, one for \$1 or three for \$2.

### **Meeting Agenda:**

**Announcements**  
**Problem Corner**  
**Show and Tell**  
**Coffee/Supplies/Library**  
**Presentation**  
**Plant Raffle**  
**Adjournment**

**Membership Renewals** for 2015-2016 (September - May) will be on sale again at the May meeting. As an incentive for early

plant for you.

**Supplies** The May meeting is the last meeting for the year, so visit the resources table and stock up on supplies you might need over the summer. Remember too that Early's Farm & Garden Centre will give SOS members a 10% discount on orchid-related merchandise.

**Library** If you have any materials on loan from the library please remember to return them at the May meeting.

## APRIL 26 MEETING MINUTES

### Announcements

Sherida Gregoire welcomed everyone to the meeting, including a number of guests and new members. Final thanks were given to all who helped with the COC show; the COC Show Award Trophy was passed around, won by the SOS for the most diverse display of orchid plants in the show.

Cal Carter had a copy of OrchidWiz at the meeting for members to consult.

The garage sale at Bob Lucas' house after the COC show, offering plants purchased from Ecuagenera, and donated by Ten Shin and Ching Hua was a success. All those attending went away with plants and the SOS made \$600 in 20 minutes!

New memberships are due for the September 2015 to May 2016 year. A single membership is \$25, family \$30; one voting privilege per family. Incentives are an Oncidium seedling or a coupon for the SOS supplies table.

This month's meeting includes the annual silent auction, with proceeds going towards funding for guest speakers.

For the benefit of new members and guests, Sherida introduced the offerings to members of the society: library - books and magazines available for borrowing; supplies table - offering potting medium and pots, fertilizers, stakes & clips, etc for sale to members; show & tell table - members are encouraged to bring plants in flower to display and share culture tips; plant sale table - members are encouraged to bring plants to sell to the membership, unless we have a guest speaker who brings plants for sale; treats table - silver contribution goes towards the Nature Conservancy of Saskatchewan in support of

habitat conservation; plant raffle - plants donated by Saskatoon Coop are available at most meetings, tickets available at the library table, one for \$2 or two for \$3.

### Problem Corner

A Paphiopedilum King Arthur was brought in with some leaf tips brown but not dry. Only some leaves were affected and the plant looked otherwise very healthy. It was suggested that it was getting too much

fertilizer, but the grower fertilizes every two to three weeks with a weak solution. The consensus was to trim the brown tips off, repot into fresh media and monitor. A question arose about how to use clay pellets as a growing medium. Many growers pot their Phalaenopsis plants into layers of clay pellets and sphagnum moss. Clay pellets can also be used in the bottom of pots for increased drainage.

They're also used in a

general fast-draining mix with bark, perlite and charcoal for growing Cattleyas and other genera requiring drying between waterings.

### Show and Tell

The table was full of wonderful flowering orchids, presented by Lori Pozniak, Mary Orchard, Pat Randall, Al Hartridge, Bernie Zuk, Cheryl Adamson, Heather Adamson, Yvette Lyster, Sherida Gregoire, Jen Burgess, Tracey Thue.

### Break

Thank you to Ruth Zuk, Lisa Pauls, Cheryl Adamson, Heather Anderson, Cal Carter, Don & Shirley Keith and Wanda Hynne for providing snacks.





### **Draw for Snacks Table**

Don and Shirley Keith won a plant in flower.

### **Wilma Nykiforuk Memorial Award**

Lori Pozniak won this year's award for her *Phragmipedium Giganteum*, chosen by Mary Orchard in Sarah Nykiforuk's absence. Lori was awarded a plant in flower.

### **Show & Tell Draw**

The Show and Tell Draw winner was Ramsay King, who won a plant in flower.

### **Silent Auction**

Over the course of the afternoon, donated plants and orchid books were auctioned. Members and guests participated.

### **Adjournment**

Approximately 3:30 pm.

## **SOS APRIL SHOW AND TELL TABLE**

PHOTOS BY SARA THUE



*Epicattleya* Rene Marques 'Flame Thrower' HCC/AOS  
Exhibitor: Mary Orchard



*Dendrobium* Rainbow Dancer 'Akazukin Chan'  
Exhibitor: Yvette Lyster



*Aerangis luteo alba* var. *rhodosticta*  
Exhibitor: Jenn Burgess



*Miltoniopsis* hybrid  
Exhibitor: Al Hartridge

*Paphiopedilum rothschildianum*  
x sib ('226 select' x 'Miao Hua'  
BM/TPS)  
Exhibitor: Al Hartridge





*Paphiopedilum venustum*  
Exhibitor: Yvette Lyster



*Paphiopedilum Jogiae*  
(*Paph glaucophyllum* x *praestans*)  
Exhibitor: Cheryl Adamson



*Maxillaria tenuifolia*  
Exhibitor: Mary Orchard



*Phragmipedium Giganteum*  
(*Phrag Grande 'Gigantea'* 4N x *Phrag caudatum*  
'Long Giant'  
Exhibitor: Lori Pozniak



*Vanda Pak Chong Blue 'Sky Blue'*  
Exhibitor: Sherida Gregoire





*Oncidium Sharry Baby*  
Exhibitor: Pat Randall



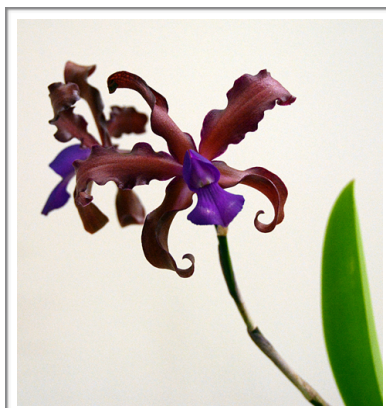
*Phragmipedium* (Green Hornet x  
*besseae flavum*)



Jackfowlieara (Iwanagaara) Apple  
Blossom 'H&R'  
Exhibitor: Pat Randall



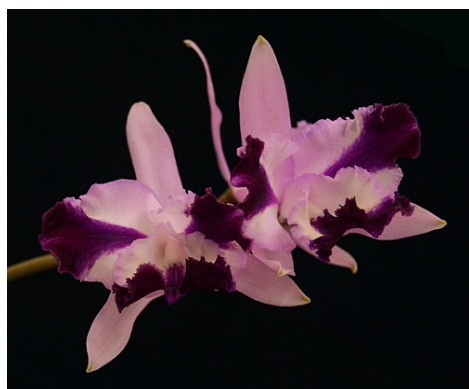
*Cattleya walkeriana* semi-alba 'Kenny'  
FCC/AOS  
Exhibitor: Heather Anderson



*Laeliocattleya* Mi Morena  
(*Laelia splendida* x *Cattleya tigrina*)  
Exhibitor: Al Hartridge



*Angraecum leonis*  
Exhibitor: Jenn Burgess



*Laeliocatonina* Roy Fields 'Caesars  
Creek' AM/AOS  
Exhibitor: Bernie Zuk (?)



*Caulocattleya* Chantilly Lace 'Twinkle'  
HCC/AOS  
Exhibitor: Pat Randall



*Cattleya Pornthip*  
Exhibitor: Sherida Gregoire



Great news! On behalf of our members, the COC negotiated with OrchidWiz a 50% volume discount to members of all COC societies if we purchase over 20 licences at once.

You will receive **OrchidWiz Encyclopedia 11.3** installable on two computers, plus the next 3 updates! This volume discount is exclusive to the COC and it is the lowest price for OrchidWiz Encyclopedia 11.3 available anywhere. This offer does not apply to renewals, and users are not obligated to purchase ongoing renewals if he/she chooses not to.

OrchidWiz is one of the world's most complete and accurate orchid research software, with over 140,000 photos and all kinds of valuable information for any orchid growers. Key features include:

- Baker Culture Sheets that provide basic cultivation information for more than 4,700 species displayed in graphical format
- Award data from the American Orchid Society, the Coordinating Body for the Brazilian Societies, the Cymbidium Society of America, the Germany Orchid Society, the New Zealand Orchid Society, the Orchid Council of New Zealand, the Orchid Societies Council of Victoria (Australia), the South African Orchid Council, the South Florida Orchid Society, and the Taiwan Orchid Growers Association, for a total of more than 98,000 awards
- Over 112,000 color images of orchids
- Over 9,300 botanical illustrations, including almost 3,900 postage stamps
- Comprehensive Genealogy charts for more than 148,000 hybrids
- Compile and organize all of your orchid photographs in the OrchidWiz Album
- Detail plant owner, venue, camera settings for each photo in the Album

- Inventory and track your own orchids in the OrchidWiz Journal
- Updated with the Royal Horticultural Society's (RHS) almost 160,000 hybrid registrations
- Search for Cross / Genus / Hybridizer
- Ability to print labels and profile reports
- Profile analysis for each species or hybrid detailing some of the most important information on a single screen
- Navigate the world using 3 levels of geographical maps to list species present or endemic to a specific region

Minimum Systems requirements: Windows XP, Windows Vista, Windows 7 or Windows 8.1. The software is available in DVD format only. The program requires that the computer have 8GB of disk space.

The discount calculated is based on **the regular price of US\$295** and cannot be used in conjunction with other discounts:

Number of Licenses*	Discount	Discounted Price	Shipping/ Handling**	Total per User
20+	50%	US\$147.50	US\$9.50	US\$150

\*Each license allows one user to install and run the software on two computers, for example a desktop and a laptop. The software requires activation.

\*\*The initial package of software will be mailed together to the COC for further distribution. The next 3 updates will be shipped to each individual by OrchidWiz.

We ask that each society submit one order on behalf of their membership.

From Calvin Wong, COC President



## What's in Bloom at the Muttart? May 2015

Orchid Species Preservation Foundation

Photographs by Dave Nixon/Doug Bovee

Information sourced from Orchidwiz, [orchidspecies.com](http://orchidspecies.com), The Plant List, Lankesteriana 10(2-3) 2010, Charles Baker

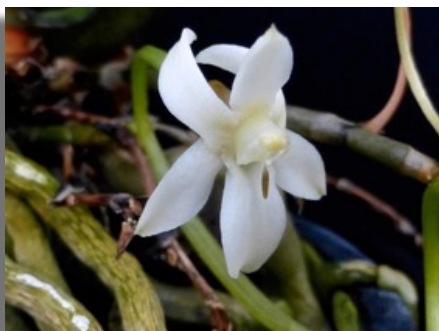


***Pleurothallis aspergillum*** This species is commonly known as "The Rough Lip Pleurothallis" due to the brushlike hairs at the apex of the lip. It is found in Columbia and Ecuador in cloud forests at elevations of 750 to 800 meters as a miniature sized, deciduous leafed, hot to cool growing epiphyte.

This specimen was purchased by the OSPF in 2013. It is kept in the cold house (min of 12C at night) on the east (shady) side of the greenhouse, although its range in the wild is large with specimens found in areas that do not drop below 30C at night.

***Pleurothallis ptychophora*** This species is found in Ecuador on the eastern slopes of the Andes in wet tropical and montane forests at elevations around 1250 to 2000 meters. Its common name is "The Folded Pleurothallis" due to the deflexed apex of the lip.

This specimen was purchased by the OSPF and is grown in the cold house (min 12C at night) on the east (shady) side. Additional shading is provided in the summer months.



***Aerangis biloba*** The genus *Aerangis* is made up of 62 species spread through Africa, Madagascar and the Comoros Islands. They are commonly epiphytic but sometimes lithophytic, small to medium sized vandaceous plants which typically like shady, warm and humid conditions. This species is commonly known as "The Two Lobed Aerangis" referring to the plant's leaf tips. It is native to West Africa with plants growing at elevations up to 700m in forests, woodlands and thickets, and often found on cultivated crops such as cocoa.

This specimen is part of the original donation in 1991, and is grown in the hot house (min of 20C at night) on the west (sunnier) side.

***Coelogyne brachyptera*** A most interesting group of 210 species found in all four climes in most all of Asia east of India and on into Indonesia and Fiji. Great care must be given in knowing from what climate a species originates as it may not tolerate your conditions. This species is commonly known as "The Short Winged Coelogyne" due to the wing-like side lobes of the lip. This species is found across Burma, Thailand, Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam.

The exact origin of this specimen has been lost to the OSPF. It is grown in the hot house (min of 20C at night) on the east (shady) side.





### Regina Orchid Society Show

by Heather Anderson

'Orchids for Everyone' Show & Sale was presented by the Regina Orchid Society on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> at the TelePioneer Activity Centre in Regina. I took a display to the show on behalf of the Society. As well as some of my orchids, Tracey Thue, Cheryl Adamson, James Sather, Pat Randall and Bob Lucas had orchids in the SOS display. The hospitality and help provided by the Regina Society was great - by the time I pulled into the parking lot and the van doors were opened the Regina members were there to help bring the display material and orchids into the building. James Sather (a long time member of SOS who has moved to Regina) and Ibn Dionisio (a former member of SOS who has also moved to Regina) arrived just in time to help with the set-up of the display. We were set up by 9:30 a.m. with half an hour to spare before the Show opened at 10:00 a.m. Before the Show started a number of the Regina members and several of the vendors chose orchids from all of the displays to be voted on for the awards. Three orchids from the SOS display were selected for the vote. After voting finished on Sunday, Gordon Heaps's *Paphiopedilum Robinianum* won the Best in Class and Ibn Dionisio's *Paphiopedilum philippinense* was the show winner.

There were four vendors in attendance at the show: Gordon Heaps, Forestview, Monica de Wit and Mike Gabrielson. The Regina members also had a table set up with some of their orchids for sale. I felt totally 'shopped out' after the COC show, garage sale at Bob Lucas's and the Silent Auction at the April Meeting so I had no plans to purchase any orchids but a couple caught my attention and with little will power to resist I purchased two more orchids to add to my collection.

Gordon Heaps gave educational presentations both Saturday and Sunday. The 1<sup>st</sup> presentation was on Growing Orchids. He ended this session with the repotting of two orchids. No matter how many times I attend a presentation on the basics of growing orchids I always learn something and this was also the case with Gordon's presentation. On Sunday he gave a session on Pests and Disease Management. Once again a very informative presentation filled with lots of information from his many years of growing orchids.

The Show closed at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday and with help from James I was packed up and on the road home by 4:30 p.m. Congratulations to the Regina Society for hosting such a successful Show attended by approximately 200 orchid enthusiasts and the general public.

#### **2015 COC Show Profit and Loss Information**

Submitted by Heather Anderson, 2015 COS Show Co-Chair

Now that all the bills have been paid from the 2015 COC Show, Treasurer Cheryl Grummett and I have been working on the Profit and Loss Statement. The show expenses were greater than anticipated however revenue exceeded these expenses so we made a profit on the event! Much of this was due to the generous sponsorships: a \$225 grant from the COC Board of

Directors; the \$2670 gift-in-kind and a contribution of \$300 toward the ribbons and rosettes provided to SOS by Prairieland. In addition to the grants costs were recovered at the garage sale held at Bob Lucas's last month and proceeds from the orchids left over from the garage sale that were sold at the SOS Silent Auction in April.

I will have a more detailed report to share with the SOS members at the General Meeting in May.