

NEWSLETTER



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Future Meeting Dates:

Saturday, Sept 22, 2018	Saturday, Oct 27, 2018
Saturday, Nov 24, 2018	January 2019 TBD

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May Meeting - Saturday May 26, 2018

The general meeting will be held at
LUTHERCARE VILLAGE AT STONEBRIDGE,
beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Cordelia Head from J&L Orchids will be visiting us and speaking about growing miniature orchids.



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SOS GENERAL MEETING

SATURDAY, MAY 26, 2018 @ 1:30PM

LUTHERCARE VILLAGE AT STONEBRIDGE

**GROWING MINIATURE ORCHIDS IN THE HOME
PRESENTED BY CORDELIA HEAD, J&L ORCHIDS**

J&L Plant Pre-orders:

Please pick up your pre-ordered plants from Cordelia Head during the general meeting. Please pay cash.

General Meeting Plant Sale:

Cordelia Head is bringing plants for sale during the meeting. Please bring cash for your purchases.

Heather and Cheryl.

An Introduction to Cordelia Head

Cordelia is one of three previous owners of J&L Orchids and is proud to be associated with the new owners, the Carreno family. Cordelia has been growing orchids for more than forty years. She is on many international orchid committees involving orchid conservation and orchid judging. Cordelia is an accredited judge with the American Orchid Society and served on the AOS Awards Committee for several years.

Cordelia will be presenting a program on growing miniature orchids in the home. It will be entertaining and informative, suitable for the beginner and long-time orchid grower. It will include tips and insights gathered over her years of growing and transporting orchids around the world.

Cordelia has been fortunate to travel extensively throughout Central and South America in search of orchids. She has discovered many new species and has three named for her. Cordelia has lectured both nationally and internationally, including at the World Orchid Congresses in Miami, France, Malaysia, Vancouver, Glasgow and many others.

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Are you new to growing orchids?

The American Orchid Society (AOS) website has *tons* of information for you.

Go to <http://www.aos.org/orchids/orchid-care/orchids-101.aspx>
for lots of information on basic orchid care.

There's a beginners' newsletter with an open subscription, and archived material to explore here.

You don't have to be a member of the AOS to access all this great information!

The SOS Library Collection

The SOS has a large collection of Orchids magazine published monthly by the AOS. It can be time-consuming flipping through the collection if you're interested in a topic, say a particular type of orchid, or even a general topic like watering orchids.

The AOS has a new digital archive of its publications allowing searches for articles published between 2003 - 2009 and 2011 - 2018. Our Librarian Deb is willing to help you find the articles in the library - just email her hucuh@sasktel.net and let her know the topic. Deb will pull the relevant magazines for you and have them ready for you to sign out at the next SOS general meeting!

Another option is to head to the library and sign out 3-4 issues and let their content be a surprise!

The new May 2018 issue has a great, illustrated article on *Cypripediums* of the U.S. and Canada, and lots more!



ORCHID SPECIES PRESERVATION FOUNDATION STAMP DISPLAY

AT THE ORCHID SOCIETY OF ALBERTA
ORCHID FAIR LAST MONTH

APRIL MEETING MINUTES

Recorded by Donna Carlson-O'Keefe

Announcements

Bob Lucas, President, welcomed members and guests to the meeting.

The society will hold its annual silent auction today. The bid sheets indicate that either 50% or 100% of the proceeds go to the SOS. Bidding starts at \$1 and will increase in increments of \$1. The auction will be stopped one table at a time; this will be announced a few minutes in advance.

Memberships can be renewed today for the 2018-19 season. There is an incentive for renewing memberships in April or May; this is a card for \$5 credit at the resources table, good until the end of 2018. A single membership is \$25; a family membership is \$30.

The annual election for the executive will be held after the break. Nominations were published in the April newsletter. Further nominations from the floor will be welcomed.

There have been three resignations from the executive: Pat Randall, Yvette Lyster, and Lori Pozniak. They were thanked for their years of service.

There is detailed information in the April newsletter about the Orchid Society of Alberta show, April 6-8, 2018. It was very successful for contributing SOS members. The SOS display received the trophy for the Best Visiting Society Display, which we have won several

years in a row. The trophy is on display at the library. SOS members' plants received numerous red and blue ribbons. Two plants won show trophies: a *Dryadella simula* grown by Tracey Thue won Best Miniature under 6", and a *Cattleya schroederae* grown by Pat Randall

won Best Plant Grown under Lights.

A *Paphiopedilum* Shimizu Delight 'Angeline' (*Paphiopedilum* Double Bell x *Paphiopedilum*

godefroyae) grown by Bob Lucas was awarded an HCC/AOS with a score of 76 points. Congratulations to Bob, Tracey, and Pat. Thanks to those who contributed plants and who helped with set-up and take-down the display.

The garage sale that was held at Lori Pozniak's following the OSA show was a success, with all plants selling. Thanks to Lori and Sherida for organizing it.

GardenScape was held March 23-25. Five new members who were present at this meeting joined as a result of contact at GardenScape.

Thank you to those who contributed

their plants and manned the booth.

The executive has decided that future meetings will be held at LutherCare Village. The next four meetings (May, September, October, November) will be on Saturdays. Meeting days have not yet been established for January - May, 2019. There will be visiting speakers at the May and October meetings.

After the break there will be three awards given out: (1) the Wilma Nykiforuk Award for the best plant on the Show and Tell table today, (2) a draw for one of the people who brought treats during the year, (3) a draw for one of the people who brought plants for Show and Tell during the year. For the latter two awards, contributors to today's meeting are included.



APRIL MEETING MINUTES, CONT.

Announcements, continued

A speaker from J & L Orchids, Cordelia Head, will be coming in May speaking on growing miniatures.

Treats today were brought by Becky and Ric Janzen, Sandy Roberts, Valerie Martz, Kathryn Hiller and Lynn Campbell. Plant Orders (Heather Anderson)

Heather Anderson and Cheryl Adamson are taking preorders for J&L Orchids. The list is on the SOS website and the deadline for ordering is May 15.

Treats

Shirley reported that she has the sign-up sheet for treats for future meetings. At least three people are needed for each meeting.

Problem Corner

A member bought a Cattleya plant at the OSA show. It had three buds which opened about four days later. They opened white, but a couple days after that they started to get brown spots all over. She is wondering what might be causing it. Is the damage due to transporting it, or should she throw the plant out?

It was suggested that the damage was probably just trauma due to shipping, or overheating since the plant was in a plastic bag during transport. Another member suggested that it could be *Botrytis* bacterium due to lack of air circulation, and it could be remedied by increasing the air circulation. It was suggested she remove the damaged flowers.

Show and Tell

Twenty-three plants were shown by Tracey Thue, Mary Orchard, Vicky Wiley, Yvette Lyster, Pat Randall, Heather Anderson, Lynn Campbell, Deb Huculiak, Gerald Pitka, Cheryl Adamson, Wilma Regehr, and Bob Lucas.

Break



Presentation

There was no presentation due to the annual fundraising silent auction, which occurred throughout the meeting.

Plant Raffle

There was no plant raffle this month. Several plants were donated by Safeway

and these were placed in the silent auction.

Awards

Wilma Nykiforuk Award

Awarded to the best plant on this month's Show and Tell table, chosen by Tracey Thue on behalf of Sarah Nykiforuk in honour of her sister Wilma. The winner of the plant was Wilma Regehr for her spectacular *Dendrobium amabile*.

Treats Award

The person whose name is drawn must be in attendance to win. The winner of the plant was Tom Kondra.

Show & Tell Award

A name was drawn from all those bringing plants for Show and Tell from May 2017 until April 2018. Again, the person whose name is drawn must be in attendance to win. The winner of the plant was Vicky Wiley.



APRIL MEETING MINUTES, CONT.

Election of the 2018-19 SOS Executive

A slate of nominees for the 2018-19 board was presented by Bob Lucas. There were no nominations from the floor. The slate was elected by acclamation.

Meeting Adjournment

Approximately 3:00pm

2018-19 SOS Executive			
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Resources	Don Keith & Tom Kondra		



APRIL SHOW & TELL TABLE

Photos by Sara Thue



Paphiopedilum Deperle
(*Paph. primulinum* x *Paph. delenatii*)
Grower: Mary Orchard



Potinara Denis Roessiger
Grower: Gerald Pitka



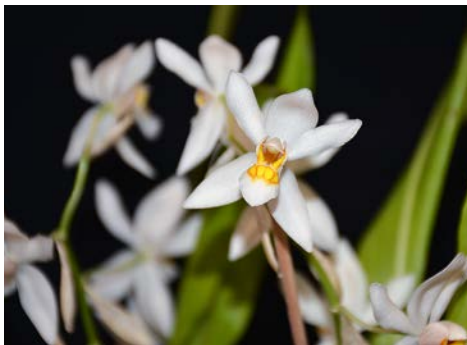
Dendrobium amabile
Grower: Wilma Regehr



Paphiopedilum hirsutissimum 'Jeanie' AM/AOS
Grower: Bob Lucas



Phalaenopsis Balidan's Kaleidoscope
'Golden Treasure' AM/AOS
Grower: Lynn Campbell



Coelogyne ochracea (synonym: *Coel. nitida*)
Grown by Gerald Pitka



Paphiopedilum Shimizu
Delight 'Angeline' HCC/AOS
Grower: Bob Lucas



Dendrobium Spring Bird 'Kurashiki'
Grown by Yvette Lyster



Aerangis luteo-alba var. *rhodosticta*
Grower: Heather Anderson



Jackfowleara Apple Blossom
Grower: Pat Randall



Angraecum fastuosa
Grower: Heather Anderson



Cattleya mossiae
Grower: Pat Randall



Cattleya schroederae (SVO II HCC/AOS x SVO AM/AOS)
Grower: Pat Randall



Cattleya walkeriana var. *alba* 'Kenny' AM/AOS
Grown by Heather Anderson



Phragmipedium Eumelia Arias
(*Phrag. kovachii* x *schlimii*)
Grower: Cheryl Adamson



Cattleya Shirayukihime 'M'
Grown by Vicky Wiley



Epicyclia Serena O'Neil
Grower: Tracey Thue



Oncidium Downtown Honolulu
Grower: Tracey Thue



Rhyncholaeliocattleya Husky Boy
'Romeo' BM/JGP
Grower: Deb Huculiak



Phalaenopsis
Grower: Vicky Wiley



Leptotes bicolor
Grower: Tracey Thue

Sedirea (syn. *Phalaenopsis*) *japonica*
Grower: Gerald Pitka



AOS Western Canada Judging Centre - Orchid Society of Alberta

Show Judging Results on April 6, 2018

Photography by Judith Higham and Ed Higham

Please note that all awards are considered provisional until paperwork and payment is processed by AOS and published in Orchid Plus.



Silver Certificate (display) 'Life's Next Level' SC/AOS 85 pts

Show Trophy (display) 'Life's Next Level' ST/AOS 85 pts

Exhibitor: Paul Paludet



***Masdevallia* Bay Breeze
'Royal Velvet' AM/AOS 81 pts**

(*Masd.* Fraseri x *Masd.* John
Tomaschke)

Exhibitor: Paul Paludet



***Paphiopedilum* Shimizu
Delight 'Angeline' HCC/AOS
76 pts**

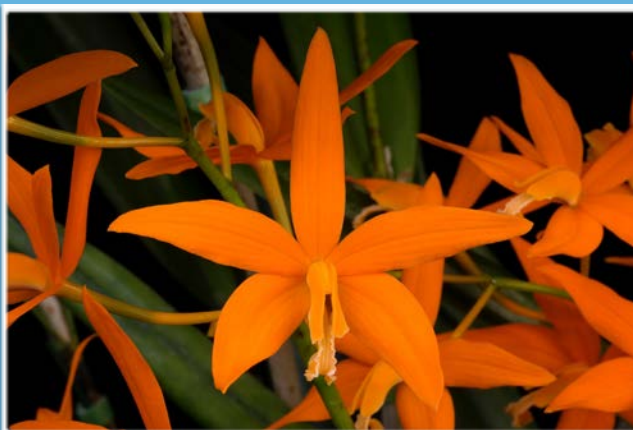
(*Paph.* Double Bell x *Paph.*
godefroyae)

Exhibitor: Bob Lucas



***Gongora rufescens*
'Charlotte' AM/AOS 82 pts**

Exhibitor: Terry Letendre



***Cattleya harpophylla* 'Orange Obsession' CCM/AOS 84 pts, AM/AOS 84 pts**
Exhibitor: Darrell Albert



***Epidendrum stamfordianum* 'Too Cool' CCM/AOS 84 pts**
Exhibitor: Darrell Albert



***Oncidium leave* 'Drury'**
CCM/AOS 81 pts
Exhibitor: Orchid Species
Preservation Foundation



**AOS Western Canada Judging Centre -
Monthly Judging Results April 6, 2018**

Photography by Judith Higham

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***Phalaenopsis amboinensis* 'Sarah' HCC/AOS 78 pts**

Exhibitor: Ben Rostron

If you are interested in further details on any awards bestowed by the Judging Centre and shared here (description, dimensions, etc.) please contact Abu Salleh and he will forward you the information.

The AOS Western Canada Judging Centre meets every second Saturday of the month at 11:30am, except where noted.

Chair: Abu Salleh, 604-328-5363, asalleh@telus.net

Next two meetings:

May 21, 2018: 11:30am at Swan Lake Christmas Hill Nature Sanctuary, 3873 Lake Road, Victoria, BC

June 9, 2018: 1:00pm (following WCJC business meeting) at Sea Island Community Centre, 7140 Miller Road, Richmond, BC