

NEWSLETTER



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Future Meeting Dates:

Saturday, Feb 23, 2019 Saturday, Mar 23, 2019
Saturday, Apr 27, 2019 Saturday, May 25, 2019

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January Meeting - Saturday, January 26, 2019

The general meeting will be held at
LUTHERCARE VILLAGE AT STONEBRIDGE,
beginning at 1:30 p.m. The presentation will be a webinar from the
American Orchid Society about the production and use of Orchiatea bark.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meeting Agenda:

Announcements
Problem Corner
Show and Tell

BREAK:

Treats/Supplies/Library
Presentation - AOS Webinar
Members' Plant Sale
Adjournment

SOS GENERAL MEETING

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 2019 @ 1:30PM

LUTHERCARE VILLAGE AT STONEBRIDGE

"ORCHIATA BARK - WHAT IS EVERYONE TALKING ABOUT?"

**PRESENTED BY GARRY CLARK,
WEBINAR MADE AVAILABLE BY
THE AMERICAN ORCHID SOCIETY**

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES!

MARCH 29 - 31, 2019 GARDENSCAPE
WILL BE HERE BEFORE WE KNOW IT! THE
SOS WILL HAVE A DISPLAY AND THE
VOLUNTEER LIST WILL BE CIRCULATED
DURING THE JANUARY GENERAL
MEETING.

**FEB 23, 2019 CALVIN WONG, TROPICAL
ORCHIDS GARDENS** WILL BE OUR GUEST
SPEAKER FOR THE FEBRUARY MEETING.
HE HAS A LIST OF PLANTS FOR PRE-
ORDER (SEE THE SOS WEBSITE TO LINK
TO THE LIST), **PRE-ORDER DEADLINE IS
FEBRUARY 17, 2019.**

**APRIL 5 - 7, 2019 THE ORCHID SOCIETY
OF ALBERTA'S ANNUAL ORCHID SHOW**
IN ST. ALBERT AND THE SOS WILL BE
ENTERING A DISPLAY.

General Meeting Plant Sale & Silent Auction

Members are welcome to bring plants to sell to fellow society members. This is a great way to share divisions of thriving plants, and re-home plants that aren't doing well in your environment. Please don't bring sick or diseased plants.

Put your initials on a piece of tape on the pot so you receive payment; 10% of the price goes to the Society.

If a member has a plant in flower for the sale table, and would like to donate 50% of the sale price to the Society, let Bob know and it will be sold by silent auction during the meeting.

NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Recorded by Donna Carlson-O'Keefe

Announcements

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

Memberships can be renewed today for the 2018-19 season. A single membership is \$25; a family membership is \$30. If a membership is not renewed by the end of November, privileges will be suspended until the membership is renewed.

Tickets for the plant raffle can be purchased at the library, 1 ticket for \$1, 3 for \$2. Plants this month were donated by Dutch Growers (2), Vicky Wiley (3), and Merle Ward (1).

There is no speaker today, but there will be potting demonstrations after the break. Sherida Gregoire will demonstrate potting a Phalaenopsis into Pro-Mix HP; Calvin Lo will demonstrate mounting plants; Bob Lucas will demonstrate potting a Phragmipedium into coir fibre. The demonstrations will run concurrently, and will last about 15 - 20 minutes, including time for questions.

There is no meeting in December.

Treats today were brought by Vicky Wiley, Lori Pozniak, Merle Ward, Beth Langer and Valerie Martz.

Resources

We have a rare opportunity to buy Orchiata bark in bulk. Gary Pozniak will provide free shipping on a one-time basis. A 40L bag is available for \$40. Any members wanting a 40L bag should let Don know at the Resources table. The balance of the shipment of Orchiata bark will be repackaged into smaller bags, selling 3L for \$6.

Library

The library has a few books and lots of magazines available to sign out. We haven't received *Orchids* magazine since March and are working to get that sorted out. On display at the library are awards that the SOS received at the Orchid Society of Alberta shows in 2016, 2017 and 2018.

Billeting

Heather Anderson spoke about the need for billets for our visiting speakers. We want to have 4 or 5 speakers each year. The cost is about \$500-\$600 per speaker, which would increase if we had to use hotels to accommodate them. The speakers

arrive Friday night for the Saturday meeting, and fly to Edmonton Saturday after the SOS meeting. The billet puts them up for the night, provides one meal (either Friday supper or Saturday brunch), and takes them to the airport after the meeting. (The SOS Executive takes the speaker out for supper the night before or brunch on the day of the meeting).

Don and Shirley Keith have billeted at least a dozen speakers, and reported that it is a real pleasure to have them in their home. The speakers are very generous with their knowledge, and are not critical; they often give their hosts a plant in thanks for the hospitality.

Shirley will circulate a sign-up sheet for volunteers for the opportunity to billet a speaker. At the same time she will circulate the sign-up sheet for treats for future meetings.



Phalaenopsis repotting demonstration by Sherida

Photo by Tom Kondra



NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES, CONT.

Problem corner

A member is looking for tips on how to get keikis to produce roots. Wrap sphagnum moss around it at the point of attachment to the plant, and keep it moist. Roots should grow into the moss. A

member has a Phalaenopsis whose petals won't open all the way, although the sepals do. The plant has one spike of flowers that opened and one spike that didn't. It could be peloric, although that doesn't seem likely since one spike did open. It could still be a genetic issue. The member was advised to let it flower again and if the same thing happens, discard it (unless she really likes it!). An issue with low humidity was also suggested.

A member asked why the tips of the leaves of some Phrags are turning brown.

The most common cause is over-fertilization. Bob fertilizes his Phrags at 1/4 the strength to that of his Phals.

A member asked how to get a Restrepia to bloom. Restrepias like cold and humid conditions, so its environment might be too warm and/or too dry. Another member suggested it could be lighting. His Restrepias used to bloom more when he had brighter lighting.

Show and Tell

Sixteen plants were shown by Tracey Thue, Pat Randall, Heather Anderson, Calvin Lo, Sara Thue, Merle Ward, Bob Lucas, and Mary Orchard.

In response to a question, Bob replied that he pots his Phalaenopsis plants into Pro-Mix HP (high porosity); other types of Pro-Mix stay too wet and rot the roots very quickly.



Mounting demonstration by Calvin
Photo by Tom Kondra

Break

Presentation

Sherida Gregoire demonstrated potting a *Phalaenopsis* into Pro-Mix HP; Bob Lucas demonstrated potting a *Phragmipedium* into coir fibre; Calvin Lo discussed options for mounting material and demonstrated mounting an *Aerangis* onto a cedar shingle with Hygroton fabric.

Plant Raffle

There were six plants donated by Dutch Growers, Vicky Wiley, and Merle Ward. All were claimed.

Plant Sale

There were 27 plants on the members plant sale table. All sold.



Phragmipedium potting demonstration by Bob
Photo by Tom Kondra



NOVEMBER SHOW & TELL TABLE

Photos by Sara Thue



Aerangis citrata
Grower: Heather Anderson



Aerangis biloba
Grower: Tracey Thue



Masdevallia lilacina
Grower: Sara Thue



Dendrobium takahashii
Grower: Calvin Lo



Paphiopedilum Great Pacific
Grower: Bob Lucas



Polystachya tessellata
Grower: Tracey Thue



Dendrobium trigonopus
Grower: Merle Ward



Phragmipedium lindleyanum
Grower: Heather Anderson



Masdevallia barleana 'Harold' HCC/AOS
Grower: Sara Thue



Phalaenopsis Fangtastic Green Envoy 'Judy Cu'
Grower: Bob Lucas



Vanda Pinky 'Pink'
Grower: Merle Ward



Phragmipedium Grande
Grower: Heather Anderson



Dresslerella lasiocampa
Grower: Sara Thue



Lepanthes tsubotae
Grower: Sara Thue

Rhyncholaeliocattleya
Cornerstone 'Fine Circle'
Grower: Pat Randall



AOS Western Canada Judging Centre - Judging at the Fraser Valley Orchid Society Show, Oct 27, 2018

Photography by Judith Higham

Please note that AOS award photographs are only permitted to be used for AOS and affiliated societies purposes and programs. All awards are considered provisional until paperwork and payment is processed by AOS and published in Orchid Plus.

Masdevallia Confetti 'Spikenard'
CCE/AOS 90pts

(Masdevallia strobilii x Masdevallia glandulosa)

Exhibitor: Rick Rancourt



Paphiopedilum Sander's Pride
'Memoria L.I. Glizer' AM/AOS 88 pts

(Paph. sanderianum x Paph. stonei)

Exhibitor: Silvia Fabry



Dracuvallia Melissa Tan 'Kittiwake'
HCC/AOS 79pts

(Dracuvallia Gualaquiza x Dracula roezlii)

Exhibitor: Leda Bower

What's Blooming in the OSPF Collection?

Orchid Species Preservation Foundation <http://orchidspecies.ca>

Compiled by Dave Nixon, Photos by Dave Nixon & Doug Bovee

Information sourced from Orchidwiz, Charles Baker, The Plant List, Wikipedia,
Jay Pfahl's IOSPE at www.orchidspecies.com



Brassidium [Brsdm.] Fly Away

The *Brassidium* are intergeneric hybrids between the orchid genera *Brassia* and *Oncidium* (*Brs. x Onc.*). This is a hybrid of *Brsdm. Gilded Urchin x Onc. maculatum*. *Brsdm. Gilded Urchin* is a hybrid of *Brassia arcuigera x Oncidium wentworthianum*. The genetic makeup of this orchid is therefore 50% *Oncidium maculatum*, 25% *Oncidium wentworthianum* and 25% *Brassia arcuigera*. This is why the flower shape tends towards the *Oncidium* end of the spectrum.

This hybrid has been awarded once, in 1996. The 15 flowers had a natural spread of 8.5cm (3.5in).

Brassidium in general require very bright light but not direct sun. They should be kept moist during the growing season. This is the period when the pseudobulb develops and flower spikes appear.

After this period, when in flower, don't overwater; the fat pseudobulb at the base is helping hold moisture. Water once a week or when the pot begins to feel right. They are ideal house plants but do appreciate humidity and good air circulation. This plant was part of the Ehor Gauk donation and came into the collection in 2016.

Oncidium [Onc.] *chrysomorphum*

The "Golden Yellow *Oncidium*" is native to Venezuela, Colombia and Brazil. It grows in the wet premontane and montane forests at elevations of 900 - 2200 meters. It blooms in the winter and spring on 60cm (2ft) long, panicles that branch from the middle, each carrying 3 to 8 fragrant flowers.

This specimen was purchased by the OSPF.





Maxillaria [Max.] chlorantha

Commonly known as the “Yellow Maxillaria”, this species is widespread from Guyana, Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru to northern Brazil. It grows epiphytically in openings in the dense cloud forests at elevations of 1100 to 2300 meters.

Maxillaria chlorantha grows in intermediate to warm conditions with medium amounts of light. It needs to be watered regularly to keep the mix moist but not wet, and requires a semi-dry rest (reduce watering) through the winter months.

The plants produce flowers about 2.5cm (1in) across. This specimen was purchased by the OSPF from Ecuagenera in 2017.

Lycaste [Lyc.] guatemalensis

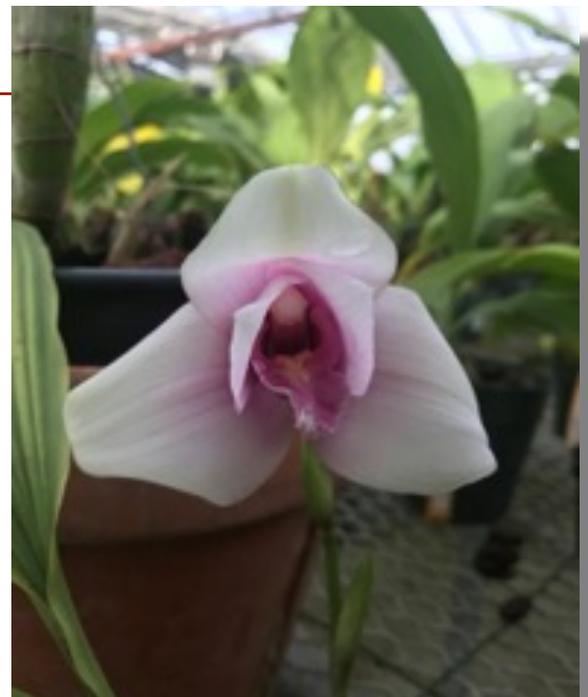
As the common name suggests, the “Guatemalan Lycaste” can be found in Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador. It grows as an epiphyte or lithophyte at elevations of 1000 to 1700 meters in warm to cool temperatures.

The *Lycaste* genus has been further split into 3 sections. One section, *Deciduosae*, loses its leaves after flowering and has an annual dormancy period. The other sections tend to keep their leaves. Deciduous species should be kept almost completely dry when leafless; the evergreen species should be kept only slightly drier than normal after pseudobulbs mature.

This particular species belongs to the *Macrophylla* section, which is not deciduous.

Water should be kept off the leaves, and especially out of the new growths, to prevent rot or leaf spotting, which disfigure otherwise handsome plants.

This specimen was purchased by the OSPF.



December Blooms From Members Of The SOS



Restrepia brachypus
Grown by Sara Thue



Cattlianthe Doris and Byron
Grown by Kathryn Hiller



Paphiopedilum fairrieianum
(*'Dark Stripes'* x *'Red Zebra'*)
Grown by Tracey Thue

A Look Ahead to Future SOS Meetings

- Feb 2019 - Calvin Wong, Tropical Gardens Orchids
- Mar 2019 - To be determined
- Apr 2019 - Annual Silent Auction Fundraiser
- May 2019 - Jean Ikeson, Dundas, ON

- Sep 2019 - Roy Tokunaga, H&R Nurseries
- Oct 2019 - Fred Clarke, Sunset Valley Orchids
- May 2020 - Sergio Garcia, Olompali Orchid
- Sep 2020 - Sam Tsui, Orchid Inn
- Oct 2020 - Alan Koch, Gold Country Orchids