

NEWSLETTER



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Future Meeting Dates:

Saturday, October 24, 2020 12:15 p.m.

Saturday, Nov 21, 2020

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Due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic and physical distancing requirements, the October 24, 2020 general meeting will be held on-line on the Zoom platform - PLEASE NOTE START TIME!

Please see the final page of this newsletter for a link to the Zoom

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SOS EXECUTIVE ELECTION

is postponed until the next in-person General Meeting. The Executive will remain as is until the next election is possible.

GENERAL MEETINGS (in-person) are cancelled until physical distancing restrictions are lifted and the Elim Church venue is available to us. Until then, virtual General Meetings will be held on the online platform, Zoom, whenever we have a guest speaker. (See the invitation link on Page 15 for the Oct 24 meeting.)

Please join the meeting a couple of minutes before meeting start time, to avoid delays.

NOTE: Alan Koch requested starting early to accommodate his personal schedule. The Zoom meeting will begin at 12:15pm Saturday, Oct 24; Alan's talk will begin at 12:30pm.

LIBRARY If anyone is interested in borrowing any library resources, please email Librarian Deb Huculiak hucuh@sasktel.net She is willing to deliver to you. Please include in your email message your name and a phone number for Deb to reach you.

You can find a .pdf of the library holdings on our website. Available are books, magazines (AOS Orchids and Orchid Digest), pH meter, light meter.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

are now due. Benefits include: newsletters delivered by email, access to orchid supplies and resources, plant sales, and library materials.

Please pay by e-transfer to the SOS President Tracey Thue thues@sasktel.net or to Treasurer Cheryl Grummett cherylgrummett@me.com

Memberships can also be paid by cheque, sent to:

Saskatchewan Orchid Society
Box 411

Saskatoon, SK S7K 3J3

Membership forms can be downloaded from the website:

<http://www.saskorchids.com/#members>

REQUEST FOR TREASURER Please consider putting your name forward for the Treasurer position (or for Secretary, in which case Donna Carlson-O'Keefe will switch to Treasurer).

SPEAKERS PROGRAM

Alan Koch will be our guest speaker at the October 24, 2020 virtual (Zoom) meeting of the SOS. His presentation is titled, "The ABC's of Orchid Nutrition." Presentation to begin at 12:30 p.m.

Alan owns and operates Gold Country Orchids, where he specializes in miniature and compact *Cattleya*. Alan started growing orchids in 1969, with three *Cymbidium*. While in college, he became interested in other orchids and discovered that many would grow outdoors in southern California. Alan has moved five times as his orchid obsession led to the need for more growing space. With the last move, he purchased 10 acres of land in Lincoln, CA, to house his 300,000 orchids.

Alan is recognized as an expert in the Brazilian *Cattleya* alliance, and a trend-setter in miniature *Cattleya* breeding. He has been published in the Orchid Digest and the American Orchid Society magazines, and in the proceedings of the World Orchid Conference. Along with his published work, Alan is internationally known as a speaker and orchid judge. He is a past member of the AOS Judging Committee and of the Research Committee. Alan is an Accredited Judge, and is Vice-chair and Training Coordinator for the California Sierra Nevada Judging Centre.

Alan has served two terms on the Orchid Digest Executive Committee and Board of Directors. He is one of the current directors, as well as a Trustee for the AOS.



Cymbidium cv.
Grown by C. Hobday
Photo by S. Thue

RESOURCES Don Keith will be filling orders for orchid supplies, orders to be placed once monthly, by 8:00 p.m. on the Friday before the monthly meeting. Orders will be ready for pick up after 11:00 a.m. the Sunday following the monthly meeting.

For October orders, please email Don at donkeith@sasktel.net

by 8:00 p.m. Friday, October 23, 2020. He will have your order ready for pick-up from his house after 11:00 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 26, 2020.

Please pay with exact cash, by cheque made out to the SOS, or pay Don by e-transfer. See the Orchid Market section on Page 5 for a list of available supplies.

2021 CALENDARS

Deadline for orders is November 1.

Please email your order to Kathryn Hiller: kmpacres@gmail.com

After the Nov. 1 deadline, Kathryn will have the calendars printed.

If you need extra tempting, here is a preview of the back cover composite, by Sara Thue:



ORCHID MARKET

ORCHID SUPPLIES

See the note on page 3 for details about ordering supplies from Don Keith.

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	PRICE
Fir Bark	3L bag fine or medium (please specify)	\$6.00
Orchiata Pine Bark	3L bag fine, medium or med-coarse (specify)	\$6.00
Perlite	4L bag medium/coarse	\$4.00
Sphagnum moss, N.Z.	8L compacted 12L compressed	N/A N/A
Grodan Grow Cubes	3L bag, 0.4" cubes 7L bag 0.4" cubes	\$5.00 \$10.00
MSU fertilizer	1 cup 13-3-15 for tap or RO water	\$5.00
Merit systemic insecticide	1 cup bag of granules	\$5.00
Oyster shells	1 cup bag	\$0.25
Inflorescence clips	Small, brown or green	10 for \$1.00
Rhizome clips	Small Med/large	\$1.00 \$1.25

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	PRICE
Clear Pots	2 1/4 x 2 1/4 square	\$0.50
	2 1/2 x 2 1/2 round	\$0.50
	2 3/4 x 2 3/4 round	\$0.75
	3 1/4 x 3 1/2 round	\$1.00
	4 x 4	\$1.25
	4 1/2 x 4 1/2 slotted	\$1.50
Net Pots	3"	\$1.25
	3.5"	\$1.25
	5"	\$1.50
	6"	\$1.75

MEMBER PLANTS FOR SALE

For sale by Heather Anderson

heather.jane.anderson@gmail.com



Brassolaeliocattleya Maikai 'Mayumi' (*binosa* x *bowringiana*)

2 pots available, both repotted in June, 2020.

5-1/2" pot, showing new growth with one bloom sheath; \$15

11" pot, showing new growth; \$25

Grow in a sunny window or under lights. Mother plant was purchased from Kimberly Orchids, Winnipeg, when she visited the SOS about 15 years ago. It blooms at least once/year.

Water and fertilize every 6-7 days.



Pinguicula gigantea (Gnat-catching plant)

2 pots available, with 2 plants/pot; \$5 each.

Grown in sphagnum moss and kept moist at all times. This is grown in an orchidarium and is really effective at trapping gnats on their sticky glandular leaves.

For sale by Tracey Thue

thues@sasktel.net



Pholidota chinensis 'Nisqually'

Flowering size plant in 3" pot; \$8

Small species native to China, Korea, Burma; intermediate temperature and light.

Fragrant yellow spring flowers arise before new leaves. A vigorous grower and willing bloomer.



Image from bluenanta.com

Dendrochilum cootesii

One division with new growth that will flower this winter; \$3

Small miniature species native to Philippines; likes cool - intermediate temperatures, lower light; keep moist.

Unique flowers appear in winter, looking at first like a rat's tail as it emerges from the newly forming leaf.



Coelogyne Unchained Melody

(*Coelogyne cristata* x *Coelogyne flaccida*)

Six divisions with 2-3 pseudobulbs; \$3 each

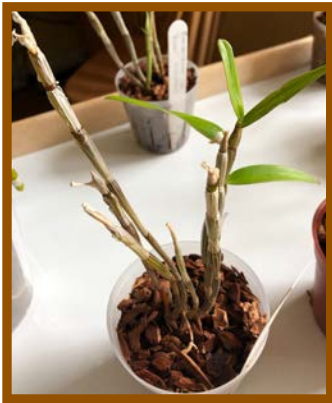
Lovely white flowers with yellow throat. Flowers every December-January.

This primary hybrid is a vigorous grower and is happy to flower when given intermediate light and temperatures. Give it plenty of water and fertilizer in the summer when it is growing, then let it dry out between watering in winter and give no fertilizer.

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To read up on Dendrobium types and culture hints, see: <https://orchideria.com/types-of->



Dendrobium Ise 'Pearl' HCC/AOS

Dendrobium moniliforme x *Dendrobium tosaense*)

Two divisions in 2" pots; \$5 each

The 'Pearl' cultivar of this primary hybrid has white flowers with chartreuse green throat and hot pink flower stems. Flowers in winter. It is semi-deciduous, so flowers can appear on leafless canes.

Fall season: bright light and no fertilizer; let it dry between watering, but don't allow canes to shrivel.

Spring and summer: bright filtered light; increased water and fertilizer.



Dendrobium Hot Pulany x *Dendrobium* Kurenai

3 divisions in 2-1/2" pots; \$5 each

The breeding in this cross contains a lot of the classic nobile type *Dendrobium* characteristics with 3-4" pink flowers with a throat of white and inner dark purple, produced along the canes after a dry, bright, cool winter.

Place it on a bright east cool windowsill at the end of October and don't look at it again until March!



Dendrobium Roy Tokunaga (*atroviolaceum* x *johnsoniae*)

2" pot, division with 4 growths; \$8

Spectacular clusters of 3" whites, dark purple spots, green in lip, fine purple stripes. An H&R breeding; very rewarding compact grower.

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Dendrobium Blue Sparkle x Dendrobium Blue Twinkle

3" pot division with 2 growths; \$5

H&R Nurseries breeding for compact plants with 2-3" white flowers and purple-blue lip and petal tips; long sprays of flowers.

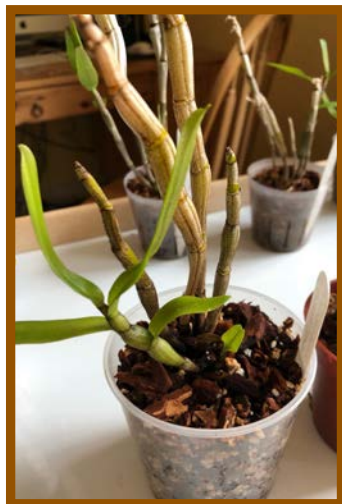
Bright light, no rest period, intermediate temperature.



Dendrobium Pacific Delight (Herman Slade x atrovioleaceum)

2" pot division with 2 growths; \$5

Another H&R breeding for a compact, easy to grow and flower *Dendrobium*! Water less in winter; intermediate light and temperature. Sweet-scented flower in winter - spring; white with purple stripes in lip.



Dendrobium Sweet Dawn

(*Dendrobium Dawn Marie x Dendrobium scabrilingue*)

Two divisions in 2" pot with 4-5 growths; \$5

Another H&R breeding to produce large white flowers with orange lip on compact canes.

Stop watering in late fall and give cool, bright light. In spring, when growth begins, give high light, lots of water and fertilizer.

Flowers appear in late winter - spring.

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Dendrobium atrovioleaceum x *Dendrobium eximium*

2" pot division with 2 growths; \$5

A compact Dendrobium with 3" white flowers with purple spots and fine purple stripes. The *eximium* parent seems to give the flowers larger, rounder white petals.

Intermediate conditions. Slightly less water in winter.

Photo: Eerika Schulz,
[flickr.com](https://www.flickr.com/photos/eerika/)

MEMBERS LOOKING FOR PLANTS

David and Christian are searching for orchids to populate their new terrarium. If anyone can help, please contact them by email:

dms-2019@protonmail.com

Dinema polybulbon

miniature *Masdevallias*

divisions of other small orchids suitable for a terrarium



Dinema polybulbon

Photo: orchidspecies.com

SHOW AND TELL

Grown by Bob Lucas



Phalaenopsis OVT 'F21'

This is a second generation cross of Orchidview Tabasco, that just bloomed. In the summer of 2016, I sent some pollen to Dean Stock, the guru of 4N red breeding, who also had a good clone of Orchidview Tabasco. Given that he lives in Kaleb, Idaho, it took Fedex overnight about four days to complete the shipment, the last leg on horseback, I think. Anyway, the cross was successful and here is the first one to bloom.

I grow all of my *Phalaenopsis* in Promix HP under lights, watering once a week with fertilizer.



Phalaenopsis Fancy Cat '#5'



Phalaenopsis Gold Cat '#2a'

Grown by Jennifer Burgess



Paphiopedilum King Arthur

Grown on an east windowsill.

Grown by Jennifer Osachoff

Bulbophyllum Elizabeth Ann ‘Buckleberry’

This lovely *Bulbophyllum* was given to me by Don Keith in 2016. It put out a most surprising bloom late September. My environment is totally unsuitable for growing Bulbos, but this one must have decided that if it wanted to bloom, it had better not wait for me to help it! It grows with Paphs and assorted other orchids under 12-hour light and gets no particular care such as the humidity it deserves, or cool nights to set blooms. It even dries out too much on occasion between watering.



Grown by Lynn Campbell



Paphiopedilum Maudiae 'Rowland' x
Paphiopedilum Onyx 'Green Tag' AM/AOS

This is an old faithful that blooms regularly. It sits in the east kitchen window.

It is one of my first and I have had it for many years, since May 29, 2006.



Paphiopedilum F.C. Puddle

This is another one that I was given by a member quite a few years ago. It is grown under a T5 light.

Grown by Heather Anderson



Cattleya skinneri x Rhyncholaelia digbyana

This plant is grown under lights in the basement greenhouse, watered and fertilized weekly. It has a pleasant fragrance.

The plant was originally owned by the late Charlotte Cummings, Twisted Sister Artworks, Strathmore, AB, a friend of mine and other SOS members. Charlotte gave me the plant 4 years ago, just before she passed away. It is grown in one of her pots and it has special meaning to me.



Phragmipedium Suzanne Decker

This plant was grown in an outdoor greenhouse for 4.5 months this summer and in an east window the last month. It was a division from Bob Lucas. The plant is watered every 6 days and sits in a saucer of water, fertilized 2 -3 times a month with MSU fertilizer. The bloom measures 5 3/4 inches across and a 2nd bloom will open in the next week. It is probably one of my favourite orchids.

This Phrag was named after Glen Decker's wife. Glen, previous owner of Piping Rock Orchids, was a SOS guest speaker in Sept 2018 and was scheduled to return this past May, but had to cancel due to Covid-19. He is rescheduled to visit in Feb 2021.

Grown by Tracey Thue



Bulbophyllum Madeline Nelson

First time flowering for this *Bulbophyllum*, gifted to me by SOS member James Sather in 2009!! It's a primary cross of *Bulb lobbii* x *Bulb emiliorum*, mounted on a piece of cork roll and spends summers outside in bright shade when warm. Watered frequently and given as much light as I can offer in the winter.



Potinara Mark's Valentine

Pot. Mark's Valentine is a lovely *Cattleya* hybrid from Fred Clarke's Sunset Valley Orchids breeding program. I purchased it from Fred when he visited us in 2017. It has flowered every year in October with multiple flowers.



Phrag. Don Wimber is one of my favourite Phrags! It flowers twice a year in spring and fall and loves being outside when temperatures are not too hot and not too cold! Purchased in 2014 from John Marcotte, Hamilton, Ontario OrchidsCanada.com

Phragmipedium Don Wimber

END NOTE

**You are invited to join the SOS General Meeting at
12:15 pm SK time, on October 24, 2020 by clicking on this link:**

[https://zoom.us/j/99059601688?
pwd=OVc0bEMzeGlzMEJjMGcxazVJN2ZiZz09](https://zoom.us/j/99059601688?pwd=OVc0bEMzeGlzMEJjMGcxazVJN2ZiZz09)

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Masdevallia Cutie
Grown by Tracey Thue