

NEWSLETTER

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Orchid Society

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Future Meeting Dates:

Saturday, Apr 22, 2023 Lawson Civic Centre

Saturday, May 27, 2023 Lawson Civic Centre

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April Meeting - Saturday, April 22, 2023 1:30 pm CST

In-person at [Lawson Civic Centre](#) (see address on page 2)

Meeting begins promptly at 1:30pm.

Guests are always welcome!

Please see page 4 of this newsletter for the link to the Zoom meeting if you are unable to attend in person.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEETING AGENDA:

Meeting starts @
1:30pm

Announcements

Silent Auction

*Break - 50:50 ticket
sales, Resources sales,
Library*

Show and Tell

Problem Corner

Awards Draws

50:50 Draw

Adjournment

*The meeting will be
presented on Zoom for
those unable to attend*



SOS April Silent Auction Fundraiser

Bring orchids and orchid-related items to
auction:
plants, pots (clean!), books, dishes, linens,
stationery, etc.

Open to all, so invite friends and family!

SEE PAGE 4 FOR MORE DETAILS

This is our main fundraiser of the year -
Be creative; be generous!



Our April 22, 2023 meeting will be held at:

Lawson Civic Centre
225 Primrose Drive, Saskatoon

Masking is encouraged.

Please, if you are experiencing any cold, flu or Covid-19 symptoms (cough, fever, sore throat), please stay home, even if you have tested negative with a rapid test.

SOS Email address for purchases by e-transfer

★ Please send all e-transfer purchases to: ★
payment@saskorchids.com
Specify in the message section of the e-transfer what the transfer is for (plants, membership, supplies, calendar, etc.).

SOS EMAIL CONTACTS

- Plant orders to:
orders@saskorchids.com
- General requests or queries to:
info@saskorchids.com

Future Plant Order

The Plant Order Committee had hoped to place an order with Fred Clarke, Sunset Valley Orchids when he visited the Albert Societies in June, but he has cancelled his visit to Canada.

The Committee will be placing an order in early May with
Terry Kennedy, Orchids in Our Tropics.
Details to come!



Membership Renewal Incentive!

If you renew your membership in April or May you will receive a \$5 coupon to be used at the resources table.

Memberships are still \$25 for a single and \$30 for a family household, valid from September 2023 - August 2024.

Saturday, April 22, 2023 @ 1:30 PM CST

If you are unable to join the meeting in person, please join on Zoom with this link:
<https://usask-ca.zoom.us/j/93917857762?pwd=eHFLUEFaMHFrQlhCNDFxRmFjWlBTQT09>

SOS Annual April Silent Auction Fundraiser

This year you can pre-register your plants, so you don't have to fill out an auction form on the day of the auction.

This will also allow Calvin Lo to produce a picture of your plants' blooms, so bidders know what they're bidding on.

Use this link to access the plant registration form:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSegLUFuKPWU1QW9gqe-vliQBnQipwefoRUMhdppOfkyHBMNgQ/viewform>

Printed copies of the registration form will also be available at the meeting, so you can register plants or any other orchid-related items that you are contributing.

Please specify the percentage of the sale price to be donated to the SOS - either 50% or 100% of the sale going to the society.

Annual Award Draws

Wilma Nykiforuk Memorial Award

This is an annual award donated by the family of Wilma Nykiforuk, a long-time member of the SOS. A favourite plant will be chosen from this month's Show and Tell table, by an SOS member (TBD). The owner of the selected plant will be awarded an *Oncidesa* Goldflakes (*Gomesa flexuosa* x *Oncidium hyphaematicum*).

Memorial Sherida Gregoire Award

In recognition of long-time SOS member Sherida Gregoire, who passed away suddenly April, 2021. The winning name will be drawn from names of people who brought orchids for Show & Tell this year. The winner will be awarded an *Oncidesa* Goldflakes.

The winner must be at the meeting to receive the award.

MARCH GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: March 18, 2023 1:40 p.m. CST

LOCATION: Lawson Civic Centre

Tracey Thue welcomed everyone to the meeting at 1:40 pm. Unfortunately, there was not the capability to do a meeting link with Zoom.

Monica De Wit is our guest speaker today and she has brought with her a variety of plants for sale.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Gardenscape** - A sign-up sheet will be passed around; please fill in your availability for shifts at the display table. Deb Huculiak has passes that can be handed out today. Passes for volunteers will also be available at the display table on Thursday at Hall D/E, booth 18 during plant drop-off from 4:00 - 7:00 pm. Deb will take the lead organizing the display. Please label your plants with your name on the bottom of the pot. Name tags will be at the display. Plant pick up will be Sunday at 5:00 pm.
- The Orchid Society of Alberta, Edmonton, has its annual show March 31-April 2 and our society is entering a display. This will be an AOS-judged show, and members' blooming plants will be needed for the display. See the last newsletter for details. If you are sending plants, please email plant names to Bob Lucas by Monday, March 27th to have them registered. If in doubt, register the plant.
- Shayne Feltis will be receiving the plants for the Edmonton show on March 29, 4:00-8:00 pm. Have your name taped to the bottom of the pots and have the plant(s) packed in a container. Please include a plant list for easier pack-up. Shayne's address was in the last newsletter.
- Heather Anderson: there will be a tentative garage sale on Monday, April 3, if there are enough unsold Ching Hua plants in Edmonton for the SOS to purchase. As well, we will receive a 15% discount off the recent Ecuagenera order, due to the large order size.
- The April 22 meeting is our annual silent auction fundraiser. It will be back at the Lawson Civic Centre. Calvin Lo will make info cards with photos for any auction sale plants; please send him plant names (and a brief description if desired) a week prior to the auction at info@saskorchids.ca. There will be a reserve bid on some items, and a \$1 minimum bid increments.
- Deb Huculiak: there is a copy of the Vanilla Book available in the library that includes recipes.

PROBLEM CORNER:

A healthy unidentified Pleurothallis, obtained from a grower, is still on its original clay mount. It has increased in size but has not bloomed. It's been grown in full sun. Monica De Wit suggested that a range between day and night temperatures would be helpful, and perhaps letting it dry out a bit.

SHOW AND TELL:

Don Keith

Masdevallia caudatum has large flowers for the species and has been blooming for 10 weeks. Grown in tree fern fibre.

Lepanthes tsubotae has been in constant bloom.

Lepanthes guatemalensis has been blooming continuously for 2 years.

Lepanthes discolor has had up to 75 buds, but few of the red flowers open at once.

Calvin Lo

Dendrobium trigonopus - smells like honey. This is the first bloom. Potted in Orchidata and grown in double pots.

Leptotes bicolor - grown mounted, under bright lights and high humidity in a tank. It is fragrant at dawn.

Angraecum arachnis - one of his favourite plants, from Madagascar evergreen forests with a large temperature differential; deflasked 2017.

Angraecum corrugatum - a peloric form where the lip has turned into a petal, so it has no spur. Grown from flask.

Heather Anderson

Phragmipedium Eric Young 'Slim Creek' AM/AOS from Chuck Taylor

Aerangis Zipper - from Ten Shin Gardens, with white blooms.

Psymorchis pusilla - from Andy's Orchids of California

Ornithocephalus gladiatus - also from Andy's Orchids; grown intermediate to warm in an orchidarium, misted daily with RO water.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, CONT.

SHOW AND TELL, CONT'D.

Deb Huculiak

Dendrobium farmeri - in full bloom. Acquired last year, the buds opened shortly after last month's meeting.

Tom Kondra

Ludisia discolor - a jewel orchid. It was taken out from under the lights because leaves were darkening too much. This was a great purchase and gift from a grocery store by his wife.

Neofinitia falcata - scented flowers. Grown under lights and watered every other day.

Tracey Thue

Paphiopedilum (Bagley 'Mont Millais' AM/RHS x Global Challenger 'Winchester') - a complex path from Piping Rock Orchids, grown on an east windowsill.

Paphiopedilum insigne - with two blooms. Native to India. Generally drier in winter and taken outside during summer.

50/50 TICKETS: Donna Carlson-O'Keefe announced that tickets were being sold - 10 for \$5

PLANT SALES: Monica De Wit has brought "Brand x" - a non-toxic pesticide, as well as an assortment of plants for sale today.

GUEST SPEAKER: Heather Anderson introduced Monica De Wit of the Edmonton area. She is a grower who started out growing Phalaenopsis, and has been an AOS judge since 2014. Her presentation is entitled "The Genus Brassavola and its Influence on Modern Cattleya Hybrids."

After showing photos of some awarded plants, Monica described how the 15-25 species of Brassavolas, originating in central and south America, can be hybridized with Cattleyas. They are often night-scented, and have very small pseudobulbs. They are very tolerant plants, unless overwatered.

Monica showed how some taxonomic (name classification) changes have occurred over the years, including *Brassavola digbyana* changing to *Rhyncholaelia digbyana*.

Hybrid traits are passed on to progeny and Brassavola offspring can benefit from smaller size, increased flowering, and may impart fragrance. However they can lose out on flower arrangement, flower shape, and colour brightness.

Monica touched on Brassavola species: *B. acaulis*, *B. pendiculata*, *B. ceboletta*, *B. cucullata*, *B. filifolia*, *B. flagellaris*, *B. fragrans*, *B. grandiflora*, *B. martiana*, *B. nodosa* (one of the most popular species used in hybridizing), *B. perrinii*, *B. reginae*, *B. subulifera*, *B. tuberculata*, and *B. venosa*. Photos were shown of the resulting large variety of first and second generation crosses and awarded plants. Monica pointed out different aspects of the plants from both personal interest and judging perspectives.

Question: Is interest waning in judging species? Tom Kondra noted that, in literature, he sees many more hybrids awarded than species. Monica explained that interest hasn't waned, but that it becomes harder to award plants that have already been awarded in the past. Also, standards for awards change over the years.

50/50 DRAW: Linda F. took home \$45

ADJOURNMENT: 3:45 pm

**American Orchid Society
Western Canada Judging Center's Vancouver Island Orchid Society
Show Judging**

February 17, 2023

Judges in attendance: David Edgley, Stanley Luk, Ben Rostron, Abu Salleh, Deborah Ward, Paul Paludet (student); Photographer: Alexey Tretyakov



Paphiopedilum tranlienianum HCC/AOS 78pts
(clonal name TBD)
Exhibitor: Viven Chung



Stelis aurea CCM/AOS 88pts
Exhibitor: Paramount Orchids



Show Trophy 'Orchid's Symphony' ST/AOS 84pts
Exhibitor: Vancouver Orchid Society

MARCH SHOW AND TELL



Aerangis Zipper
Heather Anderson

Photographs by Tracey Thue
(sorry for the blur! My skills don't
meet Sara's and Pat's standards!)



Angraecum corrugatum
Calvin Lo



Angraecum arachnitis
Calvin Lo



Dendrobium farmeri
Deb Huculiak
(The flowers drooped the morning
of the meeting.)



Dendrobium trigonopus
Calvin Lo



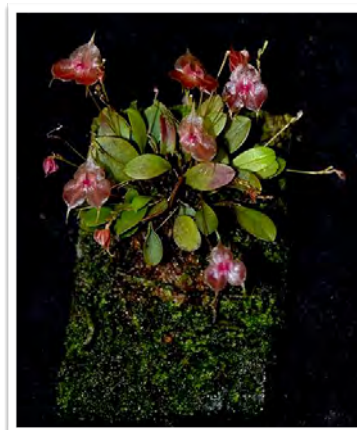
Jewel Orchid - black
Tom Kondra



Lepanthes discolor
Don Keith



Lepanthes guatamalensis
Don Keith



Lepanthes tsubotae
Don Keith



Masdevallia caudata
Don Keith



Leptotes bicolor
Calvin Lo



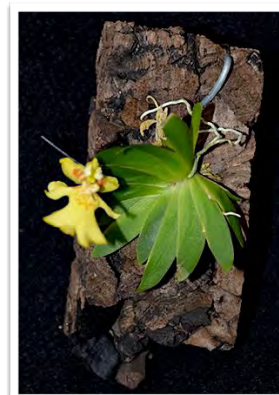
Neofinetia falcata 'Shutennou'
Tom Kondra



Ornithocephalus gladiatus
Heather Anderson



Phragmipedium Eric Young 'Slim Creek' AM/AOS
Heather Anderson



Psygmorchis pusilla
Heather Anderson

MARCH PHOTOS FROM MEMBERS

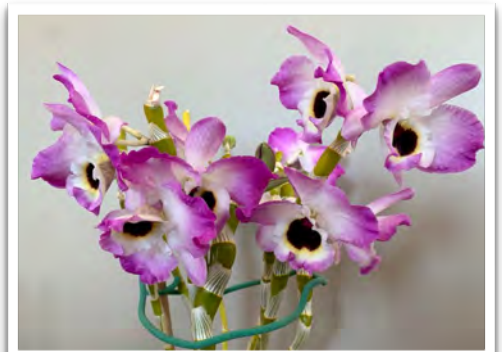
Photographs by the growers



Dendrobium spectabile

Grown by Sherry Fensom

A fairly large plant with very interesting blooms. I grow it under LED lights set at 15 hours of daylight. I water it as soon as it approaches dryness. The blooms last about 7 weeks in my home.



Dendrobium Red Senator 'Maxim'

Sherry Fensom

Clouds Orchids, 2020

I grow this plant on my windowsill in our living room where we turn the heat down at night. It gets about 12 degrees change or more each day, depending on the amount of sun. Unfortunately I did knock off a couple of buds when watering, but still happy with the show it put on.



Phalaenopsis Mini Mark 'Holms'

Sherry Fensom

This is a recent acquisition through one of our group orders. It came in spike, so I can't take credit for the blooms. It gets natural east exposure from my patio doors. I water my phals when the roots turn light in colour, indicating they are dry.



Prosthechea fragrans 'Villaseca'

Sherry Fensom

I purchased this plant from one of our Ecuagenera orders last year. It's a climber but seems to be quite vigorous. The scent is fairly strong and sweet. I water it just as it dries out.



Tolumnia Jairak Flyer 'Brown Oak'

Sherry Fensom

This plant is grown mounted under my LED full spectrum light, hanging off one of my larger plants. These seem to be fairly reliable bloomers for me. I water them every day or two, as they have two live in about 40 - 50% humidity in my dining room. Sometimes I mist them and other times I dunk them in a container of RO water.



Oncidium Heaven Scent 'Sweet Baby'

Sherry Fensom

This has a scent of hot cocoa and is a descendant of Sharry Baby. This is a small spike for this plant as I repotted it when this growth had just started to develop. For me, this *Oncidium* tends to flower with each new growth. I purchased it in 2019 and it's time for it to bring joy to another orchid lover; it will be available at the April silent auction!



Dendrobium Golden Aya

(*Den. aphrodite* x *Den. capillipes*)

Grown by Tobi Fenton

Warm, bright and well-watered in summer; cooler and drier in winter. The fragrance is incredibly intense - of strawberry jam.



Phragmipedium caudatum 'Val'

Grown by Tom Kondra



Phragmipedium Geralda

Tom Kondra



Dendrobium loddigesii 'R.O.C.'
AM/AOS

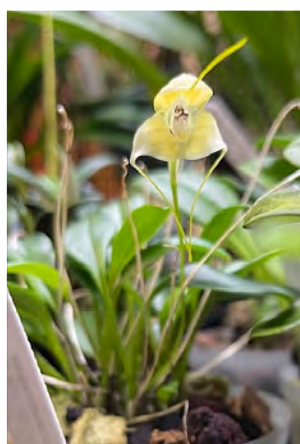
From Terry's Orchids, March, 2021
Tobi Fenton

After a dry/cool winter rest, flowers miraculously appear from mostly bare canes. A subtle sweet, fresh air fragrance.



Trizeuxis falcata

Tom Kondra



Masdevallia xanthina
Tom Kondra



Masdevallia xanthina
ssp. klabochorun
Tom Kondra



Masdevallia xanthina red
Scaphosepalum breve yellow
Tom Kondra



Masdevallia asterotricha
Tom Kondra

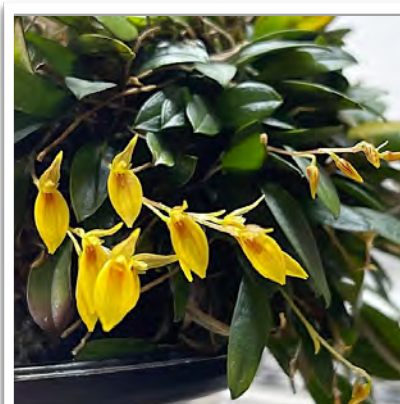
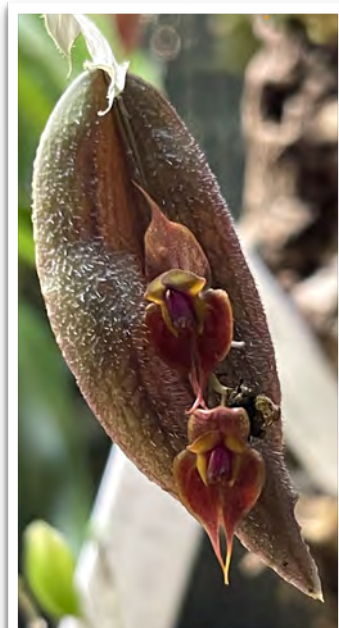


Dracula vampira
Masdevallia monicana
Tom Kondra



Dracula hirtzii
Tom Kondra

Lepanthes gargoyle
Tom Kondra



Specklinia grobyi small
Tom Kondra

GARDENScape



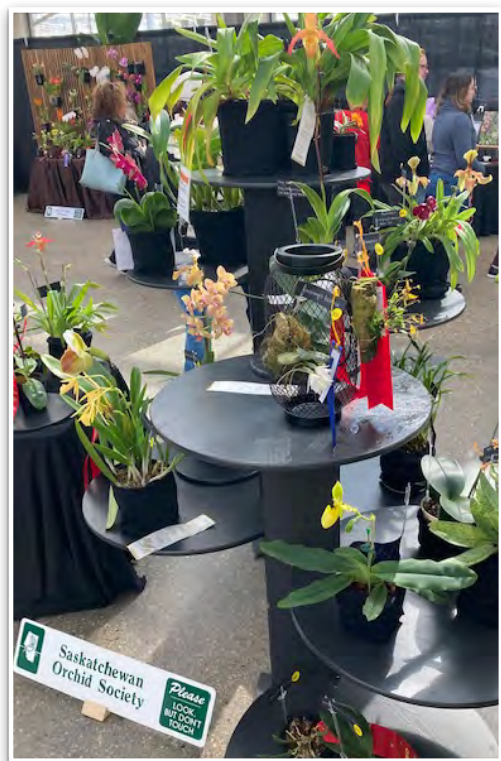
The SOS display attracted much interest! Thank you to all who donated plants, time, effort, and their love for orchids.



ORCHID SOCIETY OF ALBERTA SHOW



**SOS was awarded the trophy for
BEST DISPLAY BY A VISITING SOCIETY**





**Congratulations!
And thank you to all
who contributed
plants, time, vehicles,
photos, and passion.**



SOS Plants Awarded!

29 plants registered; 24 plants awarded:

1st place Blue ribbons - 8

2nd place Red ribbons - 14

3rd place White ribbons - 2

**Congratulations to Bob Lucas, who won the
Dr. Paul Paludet Trophy for the Best Grower's Own Hybrid
in Show for his *Phalaenopsis* Precious Lauren Rae.**





A selection of other displays and plants, including a Landscape Display (left); a huge display by the Orchid Species Preservation Foundation (centre left); an award-winning Dendrobium and Psychopsis (bottom right).