

NEWSLETTER



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Future Meeting Dates:

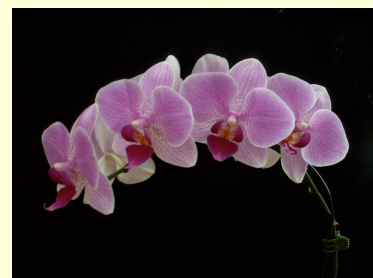
January 26, 2014	February 23, 2014	March 23, 2014
April 27, 2014	May 25, 2014	

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October Meeting

The October general meeting of the Society will be held on **Nov. 17, 2013** at John Dolan School, commencing at 1:30 p.m. Cal Carter will give a demonstration on pests and diseases.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you did not partake of the incentive to renew your membership for 2013-14 in the Spring, you should do so at the November meeting in order to maintain membership privileges.

Cal Carter will give a talk on pests and diseases

As we do not have a visiting speaker for the November meeting, you are encouraged to bring your own plants and divisions for the sale table.

A warm welcome is extended to Tom Kendra and Yvette Saxinger who joined the SOS in May and October, respectively.

The November meeting will have a raffle of plants donated by Safeway. Be sure to purchase your tickets from Tracey or Jan at the Library table, \$1 for one, \$2 for three.

We will be placing an order with H&R in early January. Check the catalogue at www.hrnurseries.com. Please submit orders to Cheryl (orchidcrazy.cheryl@gmail.com) or Heather (heather.jane.anderson@gmail.com) by Dec. 30th.

The SOS will be hosting the COC Annual General Meeting in March of 2015 in conjunction with Gardenscape. We are interested in your suggestions for a theme of the Show and a name that would reflect that theme. There will be a suggestion box at the January and February meetings for your entry(s) and we will choose a name at the February meeting by vote of the membership. There will be a

prize for the member whose entry is chosen.

Meeting Agenda

Announcements

Problem Corner

Show and Tell

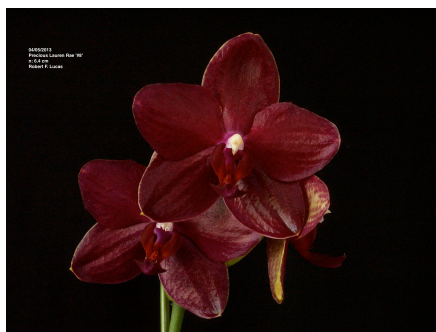
Coffee/Supplies

Orchid Digest Presentation

Plant Raffle

Plant Sale

Adjournment



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OCTOBER 27 MINUTES

Announcements

Cal welcomed everyone to the September meeting..

Sarah Nykiforuk has been awarded a lifetime membership with the SOS for her volunteer service to the Society over the past 25 years.

The SOS will be hosting the Canadian Orchid Congress in 2015. This endeavor has been led by Heather Anderson and Cheryl Adamson and will take place in conjunction with Gardenscape. More information will follow later.

Resources: New clear pots are now available for purchase. Merit (insecticide) will be available next month.

Library: Books entitled "Hardy Cypripediums" and "Moth Orchids" are now available to borrow. Please return items that are now overdue.

Thank you to Catherine, Hans and Margareta, Jaime, Claire, Gabriele, Jan and Cheryl G. for the wonderful snacks today.

Cal will give a presentation entitled Orchids 101: Back to the Basics.

Problem Corner

A Phalaenopsis bloomed for 5 months, then put out another spike. The roots are growing through the bottom of the pot; should the roots be cut when repotting? The roots may be cut off to get the plant out of the pot, but the plant would be healthier if the pot were cut away and the roots left intact.

There are small clear sticky spots on the leaves of a plant – is this a normal process? This can happen with healthy plants and is formally known as guttation (called "happy sap" by some members).

A four-year-old plant bloomed continuously but had small black bugs on the underside of its leaves. What was this? The insect was identified as scale. Scale can be removed by repeated treatment with a systemic insecticide, or frequent manual removal to ensure all insects are eliminated (which can be laborious if the infestation is large).

Show and Tell

Heather Anderson, Pat Randall, Lori Pozniak, Ruthanne Hanbidge,

Cheryl Adamson, Sherida Gregoire, Bob Lucas, Jennifer Burgess, Cal Carter.

Coffee Break

Presentation

Cal gave a presentation entitled, "Orchid 101: Back to the Basics." The PowerPoint presentation included an overview of orchid culture,

commonly grown orchid species, and growing areas, with many photos.

Following the presentation, potting demonstrations were led by Cal who repotted a few Phalaenopsis and Heather who mounted a Dinema on epiweb.

Plant Raffle

Safeway donated 20 Phals

and 2 Ccymbidiums for the raffle.

Plant sale

There were approximately 25 plants, including many blooming Phrags and Angraecums.

Adjournment: 3:30p.m.

SOS OCTOBER SHOW AND TELL TABLE



C. Wally Bliss Exhibitor: Heather Anderson



Phrag Inca Embers Exhibitor: Cheryl Adamson

Macroclinium manabinum Exhibitor: Sherida Gregoire





Blc. George King Exhibitor: Sherida Gregoire



Angraecum Crestwood Exhibitor: Cheryl Adamson



Viola 'indigo' Exhibitor: Bob Lucas



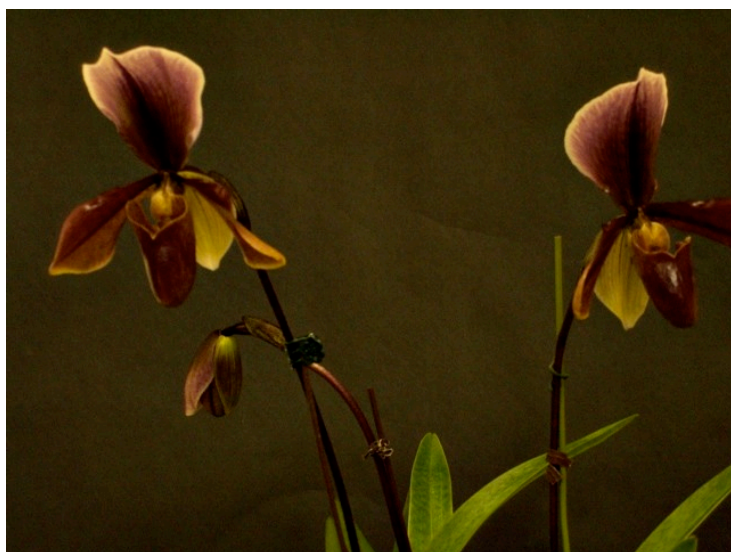
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The Orchid Journal

Why should I use the COC Facebook site ORCHID JOURNAL???

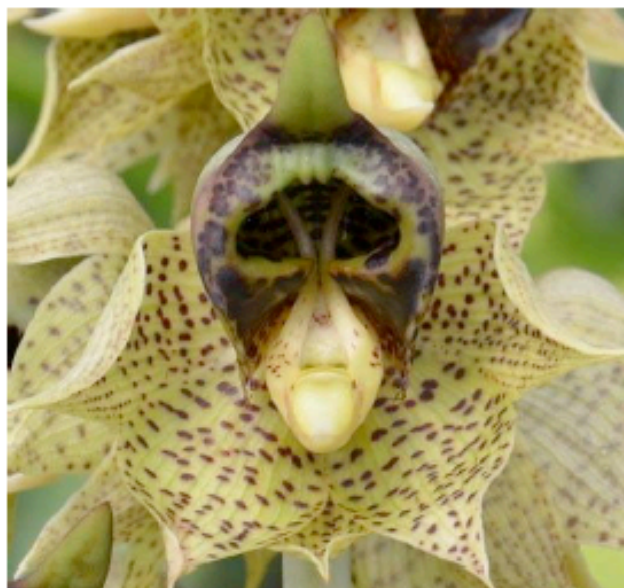
I've been approached recently by several hobbyist worried about Facebook privacy issues and how to use Facebook so I encourage our societies to seek out 'wanna be' fb users in their group and help them get started. Most societies in Canada work with our site so you do have experts in your midst to coach & assist the newbies.

Why Facebook? What's on it that I can't get on the web or my meetings????????

Why, why, why??????

Because over the last few months alone....

- we've posted (and your own Society Facebook site) videos of shows in Canada
- show albums of orchids and displays
- shared award winning orchid photos
- speaker info
- fun photos — watch for our special Halloween 'scary orchids' series



Catasetum sanguineum photo Seattle Orchid

- beginner tips

- educational series. Our most recent, polyploidy series for advanced hobbyists and tidbits for the novice too

- artists' works

- conservation news

- orchid news from around the world



photo Greg Allikas

- the list is endless...

We work in unison with the AOS so our AOS news is instant since we share admin responsibilities and you get cover previews of Orchids magazine too.

And, we reach almost 4,000 people a WEEK around the world with almost 400 people a WEEK actively commenting and sharing on our posts.

Join us?

Happy
postings,
Marlene

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