

NEWSLETTER



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Future Meeting Dates:

October 26, 2014 November 23, 2014 January 25, 2015

February 22, 2015 March 22, 2015 April 26, 2015

SOS Executive

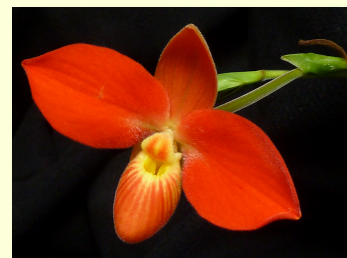
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October Meeting

The October general meeting of the Society will be held on

October 26, 2014 at John Dolan School, commencing at 1:30 p.m.

The meeting will feature a presentation on miniature orchids by Bryan Emery, President of the Central Vancouver Island Orchid Society.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The October general meeting will feature a visit from Bryan Emery, current President of the Central Vancouver Island Orchid Society. Bryan will be giving a talk on growing miniature orchids. He will be bringing plants for sale supplied to him by a grower friend in Taiwan, and as well has forwarded a list of plants for pre-order. This list and Bryan's email address will be provided with this newsletter mail out. If you are interested in pre-ordering any plants, please email Bryan directly with your order as soon as possible. **Bryan will be bringing plants for sale, so you are requested not to bring plants for the sale table.**

Membership renewals again will be on sale at the October meeting, \$25 for a single and \$30 for a family membership.

Please return any library materials borrowed. Jan is taking an inventory of the library holdings and, once complete, will update the library inventory that is posted on the website.

The October meeting will have a raffle of plants donated by Saskatoon Co-op. Purchase your tickets from Jan or Debby at the Library table, \$1 for one, \$2 for three.

Calendar Fundraiser Judith Higham, American Orchid Society Photographer, is offering a 2015 calendar to western Canadian orchid societies. The calendar is made up of photographs of orchids that have won AOS awards judged at the Pacific Northwest Judging

Centre in Richmond, BC. There will be a survey at the October general meeting to determine interest for these calendars, with plans to sell them for \$15 per calendar. If you are interested in ordering a calendar and are unable to attend the meeting, please email or phone Tracey Thue or Bob Lucas by October 26. Below is a sample image for a month in the calendar. See pg. 7 for more.



Meeting Agenda

Announcements
Problem Corner
Show and Tell
Coffee/Supplies
Presentation
Plant Raffle
Plant Sale
Adjournment

SEPT 28 MINUTES

Announcements

Bob welcomed members and guests to the September meeting.

Plant sale purchasing procedure: Leave your membership number at the front table. When your number is drawn you may choose one plant from the table. There is a free-for-all once all numbers are drawn and if there are

any remaining plants you may choose as many as you like. Ten percent of the sales go to the society for operating costs, the remaining goes to the seller of the plant.

Early's Farm & Garden offers a 10% discount to SOS members for the purchase of orchid-related items. Present your membership card at the checkout desk.

Lori Pozniak coordinates our refreshments for each meeting, phoning members to request a donation. Each month we are provided a marvellous array of snacks. If Lori phones you and leaves a message on your answering machine, please phone her back as soon as possible to reply yes or no so that she can keep track of her menu.

Heather Anderson and Cheryl Adamson met again with Prairieland Park coordinators to plan for the Canadian Orchid Congress to be held in conjunction with Gardenscape 2015. Heather and Cheryl have been invited to sit on the Gardenscape planning committee.

Heather reviewed the 4 art categories to be judged at the COC and asked for SOS members to forward contact information to Yvette for art groups that may be interested in submitting art for judging at the COC. Florists will also be contacted. Please see the SOS website for more information.

Problem Corner

Questions were asked about a mini Dendrobium with 3 keikis - when can they be detached, how can they be planted? The roots should be about 2 inches long (since it is a mini plant; usually Phal keikis are left to grow 6" roots before detaching). It was recommended to place some sphagnum moss around the roots to increase humidity since the roots looked a bit dehydrated. Cut the keikis off the mother plant with a sharp, sterile blade and pot together. It was also suggested that the keikis could be left on the mother plant for a more floriferous display.

A query was made about a Dendrobium with black leaf spots; it was suggested that the spots may be a result of spider mites.

Show and Tell

Twenty five flowering plants were shown by Gabriele Burmeister, Pat Randall, Sherida Gregoire, Cheryl Adamson, Tracey Thue, Cody Hamilton, Bob Lucas, Mary Orchard, Al Hartridge, and Heather Anderson.

Bob reminded members of the show and tell draw. Names of everyone presenting a plant through the year will be placed in a draw for a prize plant in May. If you bring a plants to 6 meetings, your name is entered into the draw 6 times.

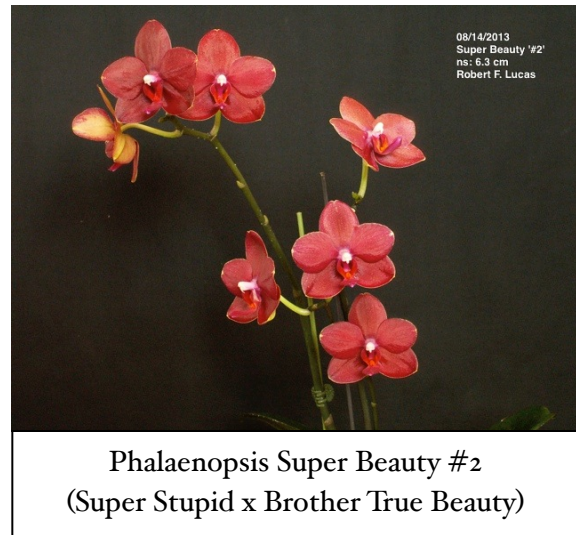
Break

Treats were supplied by Lynn Campbell, Donna Carlson-O'Keefe, Vicky Wiley, Gabriele Burmeister, Veronica Warkentin and Lori Pozniak. Thank you!

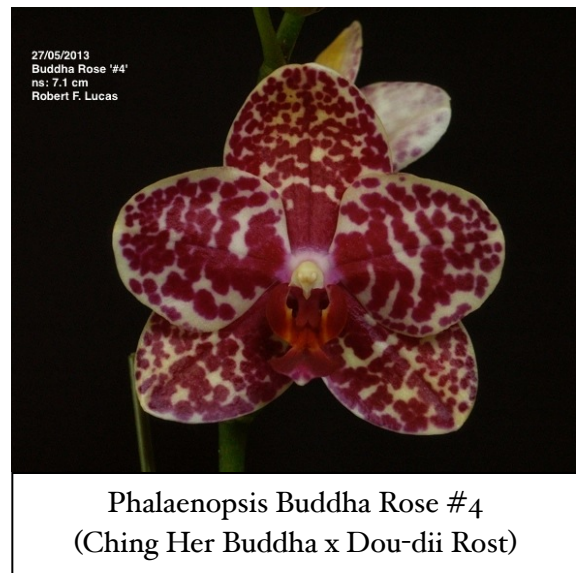
Presentation

Bob Lucas gave a presentation on his cultural practices for growing and flowering his orchid collection, comprising primarily Phalaenopsis but also Phragmipedium and Paphiopedilum.

Bob presented photos and descriptions of plants he has used in his Phalaenopsis breeding program, and some of the resulting offspring. Thank you Bob for an interesting and entertaining talk.



Phalaenopsis Super Beauty #2
(Super Stupid x Brother True Beauty)



Phalaenopsis Buddha Rose #4
(Ching Her Buddha x Dou-dii Rost)

Plant Raffle

There were approximately 50 plants available, including Phalaenopsis and Miltonias, donated by Co-op.

Plant Sale

There were 25 plants and some pots for sale by SOS members. The majority of these sold.

Adjournment:

Approximately 3:30 pm

SOS SEPTEMBER SHOW AND TELL TABLE

PHOTOS BY SARA THUE



Paphiopedilum Oriental
Lawrence x Clair de Lune
Exhibitor: Cheryl Adamson



Haraella retrocalla
Exhibitor: Heather Anderson



Angraecum Longiscott
Exhibitor: Al Hartridge



Phragmipedium China
Dragon Exhibitor: Cheryl
Adamson



Ascocenda Kulwadee Fragrance No27
Exhibitor: Sherida Gregoire



Brassolaeliocattleya Memoria Anna
Balmores 'Carmela'
Exhibitor: Cheryl Adamson



Paphiopedilum Norito Hasegawa
Exhibitor: Sherida Gregoire



Epilaeliocattleya Volcano
Trick 'Orange Fire'
Exhibitor: Pat Randall



Lockhardia oerstedii
Exhibitor: Heather Anderson



Paphiopedilum hirsutissimum
Exhibitor: Sherida Gregoire



Paphiopedilum charlesworthii x
Hsinying Cyber Leopard
Exhibitor: Gabriele Burmeister



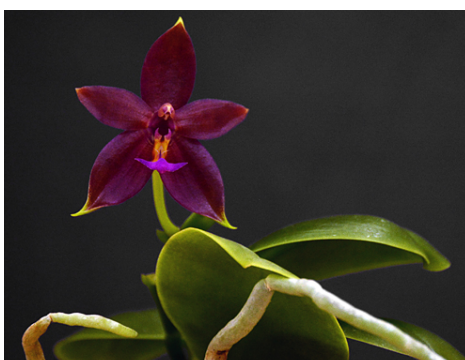
Paphiopedilum Dollgoldi
Exhibitor: Cheryl Adamson



Paphiopedilum charlesworthii
Exhibitor: Bob Lucas



Paphiopedilum Delophyllum
Exhibitor: Heather Anderson



Phalaenopsis CTL Cornu Queen
Exhibitor: Cody Hamilton

Paphiopedilum Maudiae x *philippinense*
Exhibitor: Cheryl Adamson



**For the Love of Orchids
28th Canadian Orchid Congress Show
Proudly Hosted by
The Saskatchewan Orchid Society
March 27 - 29, 2015**

SHOW UPDATE by Heather Anderson, COC Show Co-Chair

As mentioned in the September Newsletter each of the seven AOS Judges have been asked to give an educational presentation. Three vendors have also either volunteered or have been asked to do a presentation. The goal is to have one speaker/day on the main stage and 2-3 daily presentations in Hall A with information more specific to orchid growers. Don Keith, Speaker Coordination has been contacting all the potential speakers to inquire about possible topics.

The third of three judges has been confirmed to judge the photography, art and orchids in use categories.

A meeting has been held with Shirley Keith, Volunteer Coordination to determine the areas where volunteers will be needed and the hours that volunteer coverage will be required at Gardenscape. There will be lots of opportunities to volunteer during the 3 day event so once sign-up sheets are circulated please consider putting your name into as many time slots as possible. For every

day you volunteer you will receive free admission to Gardenscape. It will be fun to volunteer at an event of this calibre and you will be able to attend a COC without travelling outside of Saskatoon.

A third vendor (international) has confirmed attendance and several of the Judges are also orchid vendors so it is anticipated that they will bring orchids to sell at the COC.

If you have not already done so check out the SOS website to review the material that has been posted. As more information becomes available it will be added to the website.

<http://www.saskorchids.com/coc2015/>

Another meeting with Prairieland is planned for October 28th.

Do not hesitate to approach any of the SOS Executive with questions or for more detail on the COC.

A WORD FROM YOUR NEWSLETTER EDITOR

As I write this I'm sitting in the dining room enjoying the morning sunshine coming through my east window, bathing the Paphiopedilum plants living on that window sill in warmth and light. I'm not especially looking forward to the dark, cold winter months, but they are made more tolerable by my orchid-growing hobby (obsession?). The living room has an 8-foot long plant stand crowded with green, and the occasional hit of colour

when a plant flowers. The lights turn on around 7am, now lighting the room before the sun rises. I was recently in San Diego for a conference, and enjoyed the warm temperatures, ocean, hedges of flowering gardenias and hibiscus, and envied the residents there the constant west coast climate. But, as I look past the plant stand through the window I see the beautiful fall colours of the mountain ash tree outside, and appreciate the clear air and light

of the prairies, and the fall season bringing change, variety to our lives. The orchids will keep me happy with their green growth and flowers, until next spring brings the same outside.

If you have any comments or suggestions for the newsletter, or if you have any stories or articles you'd like to share with your fellow members, please contact me by email at thues@sasktel.net

Tracey Thue

Calendar fundraiser: Here are more sample pages supplied by Judith Higham, of the 2015 calendar including the front cover, month of March, and back cover. Christmas is coming, and these will make beautiful stocking stuffers!



March 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	
 14	15	16	17	18	19	
 21	22	23	24 St. Patrick's Day	25	26	
28	29	30	31			

SAMPLE

PLANS FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS:

November Meeting:

Repotting demonstrations!

Orchids that are beginning active growth, or ones that grow throughout the year can be repotted this time of the year. Plants that are potted in media that has broken down to the point where too much moisture is held at the roots must be repotted any time of the year. Many growers repot newly acquired plants into their own media. This provides an opportunity to check on the condition of the roots so that watering can be adjusted accordingly.

Members of the executive will set up 2 or 3 display tables with plants and materials to demonstrate repotting. You are welcome to come and go from one table to another to observe and ask questions as the potting takes place.

Pictured below are some plants from an order that came bare-root, so needed potting up as soon as possible. It's always exciting !

December: No meeting

