

# NEWSLETTER



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## Future Meeting Dates:

Apr 24, 2016                      May 29, 2016  
Summer break                      Sept 25, 2016                      Oct 23, 2016

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## April Meeting

The April general meeting of the Society will be held on Sunday, **April 24, 2016** at John Dolan School, commencing at 1:30 p.m. The meeting will feature our 5th Annual Silent Auction fundraiser as well as Elections for the SOS 2016-2017 Executive.



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**5th Annual Silent Auction Fundraiser**

Our annual fundraiser takes place during the April general meeting. Members are asked to bring orchids and orchid-related items. Members have the right to specify the percentage of the sale price to be donated to the SOS, either 50 or 100%. Bid sheets will be provided for each item. The auction is open to all, including non-members so please feel free to invite family and friends!

Cheryl and Heather purchased a selection of plants while they were at the Orchid Society of Alberta Show last weekend; these will be featured in our silent auction! These include 2 Epidendrums, 2 Dendrobiums, 4 Paphiopedilums and 20 compact Cattleya hybrids. Most of these are in bud or are blooming, so sharpen



*Leptotes pohlitinocoi*

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to place your bids!

**Plant sale** The Silent Auction takes the place of the plant sale this month.

**Plant raffle** No plant raffle this month because of the Silent Auction.

**Membership Renewals for September 2016 - May 2017**

It's that time again - people renewing their membership at the April and May meetings will be rewarded with a choice of a \$5 coupon for the supply table or a blooming size *Leptotes bicolor* or *Leptotes pohlitinocoi*. The supply of plants is limited, so those renewing early will have the pick of the plants.

**The 5th Annual Wilma Nykiforuk Memorial Award** will be presented at April's meeting. Wilma's sister Sarah Nykiforuk will select the Best Plant on the Show and Tell Table; owner of the chosen plant will receive an orchid in bloom.

**The Annual Show & Tell Draw** will be made during the April meeting. Names of members who have brought plants for show and tell during the last year will be placed into the draw, once for every month

**Meeting Agenda:**  
Silent Auction  
Announcements  
Problem Corner  
Show and Tell  
Coffee/Supplies/Library  
SOS Executive Election  
Awards Draws  
Adjournment

those pencils and be ready they brought plants. The winner of the draw will receive a blooming orchid.

**A Treats Volunteer Draw** will be made for contributors to the coffee break snacks this year. Your name will be entered for very month you brought snacks; you must be in attendance to receive the flowering plant.



*Leptotes bicolor*  
photo: Tracey Thue

**ELECTIONS FOR 2016-2017 SASKATCHEWAN ORCHID SOCIETY EXECUTIVE**

CURRENT EXECUTIVE MEMBERS ARE WILLING TO LET THEIR NAMES STAND FOR ALL OTHER POSITIONS. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE EXECUTIVE PLEASE SPEAK WITH BOB LUCAS OR ANY OTHER EXECUTIVE MEMBER. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO NOMINATE SOMEONE PLEASE CONTACT BOB OR SHERIDA BEFORE THE MEETING.

<b>UPCOMING VACANCIES:</b>	<b>NOMINATIONS:</b>
LIBRARIAN	DON KEITH
AOS/COC REPRESENTATIVE	OPEN
SPEAKER COORDINATOR	HEATHER ANDERSON

**Regina Orchid Society Show April 30, May 1, 2016.** Heather is entering a display on behalf of the SOS. If you have plants in flower that you'd like to send, please clean them, put your name on the pot and drop them off at Heather's between 4-6:00pm Friday, April 29. For more information about the show please see the ROS website <http://www.reginaorchidsociety.com/ros-orchid-show>

## MARCH 20 MEETING MINUTES

Recorded by Donna Carlson-O'Keefe

### Announcements

Bob Lucas, SOS President, welcomed all members.

There are 12 Phalaenopsis plants from Saskatoon Co-op and a large *Coelogyne flaccida* in bloom donated by Dave Nixon.

Dave Nixon of the Orchid Species Preservation Foundation will talk about orchid hunters in the Victorian era. Dave has brought plants for sale; people wishing to purchase one must give their membership number to Cheryl at the front table. Access to the plant sale table is by lottery. When all numbers have been drawn anyone may purchase from plants remaining.

The Orchid Society of Alberta's 39th Annual Orchid Fair is April 1 - 3, 2016 and we will be entering a display. Bob Lucas will take the display to Edmonton on Thursday; Heather Anderson and Cheryl Adamson will bring it back on Sunday. Plants for the display should be taken to Bob's house at 519 Mendel Terrace on Wednesday, March 30 between 6:30 and 8:00pm. Provide Bob with a list of the plants you're sending by Sunday, March 27 so he can pre-register all plants with the SOS display.

Gardenscape will be held April 8 to 10, 2016. Sherida Gregoire is organizing the society display and will require volunteers to take shifts overseeing the display over the weekend. A volunteer list will be circulated at this meeting. Volunteers get free admission to the show. Plants can be dropped off and

passes picked up on the Thursday before the show 4:00 - 7:00pm. Our display will be in Halls D/E near the centre of the room. Plants to go in our Gardenscape display should be labelled with the owner's name on the bottom of the pot. Please make sure plants are pest-free, groomed and staked. Plant pickup Sunday at 5pm.

The April 24th general meeting will feature the annual Silent Auction of orchids and orchid-related

items. You may choose whether 100% of the sale price goes to the SOS, or it's split 50/50, half to the seller, half to SOS.

Election of the SOS Executive for the coming year also will be held at the April meeting. People who are interested in serving on the Executive can let Bob or another member of the Executive know today.

The April meeting will include a

plant being awarded to one of those who brought treats

to the meetings during the year. The draw for Show and Tell plant will be made at the May meeting.

### Problem Corner

A Cattleya type plant was presented with many brown spots on the leaves and its owner reported that other plants in his collection looked similar. It is kept in a cool basement but under warm Sunblaster lights. Bob said the spots looked like rust and suggested treating it with cinnamon. The grower asked if essential oil of cinnamon would work, but no one had tried it. It was suggested that the oil of cinnamon would need diluting, possibly with some liquid soap added to disperse it.



**Orchid Species Preservation Foundation Display  
at the OSA Orchid Fair 2016**

### **Show and Tell**

Sixteen plants were shown by Cheryl Adamson, Heather Anderson, Pat Randall, Merle Ward, Deb Huculiak, Judy Lozinski, Catherine Fairbairn and Bob Lucas.

**Break** Treats today were provided by Jennifer Osachoff, Pat Randall, Colleen Hobday, Bernie and Ruth Zuk and Lori Pozniak. Thank you!

### **Presentation by Dave Nixon, Orchid Species Preservation Foundation**

The OSPF, based in Edmonton is a nonprofit charitable organization dedicated to preserving species of orchids. The Foundation has the 10th largest orchid collection in North America, which is co-managed with the City of Edmonton's Muttart Conservatory. The collection contains about 4500 plants from 1100 species in 120 genera. About half of the collection is made up of *Draculas*, about a quarter is *Masdevallias*. Scientists at the University of Alberta use the collection for DNA referencing.

The OSPF is developing a propagation facility, using a design from the University of Calgary with the assistance of a City of Edmonton architect. Besides the propagation area the facility will contain a public classroom and storage area. Dave invited those interested in propagating orchids to come to Edmonton and make use of the facility. The OSPF plans to use the facility for collection development, administrative space, cost recovery, education and increasing public awareness.

After this introduction to the OSPF, Dave gave a very entertaining and interesting talk on orchid hunters in the Victorian era. Many of the genus and species names are dedications to collectors and

nursery owners funding the orchid hunters; few were named for the hunters themselves. Most plant hunters were motivated by passion for their subject rather than fame or fortune.



After his presentation Dave talked about the OSPF's 25th Anniversary this year. An event is planned for August 10-15 at Edmonton City Hall. There will be a weekend gala and tour of the OSPF facility and collection, perhaps including the new propagation facility. See below for information about a trip to Edmonton by the SOS to take in these events!

The 40th Anniversary of the Muttart Conservatory occurs in September and on October 1 and 2 there will be an educational display and orchid exhibit in Sherwood Park. All are invited to attend these events.

### **Plant Raffle**

All 12 *Phalaenopsis* from Coop, and the *Coelogyne flaccida* from the OSPF were claimed.

### **Plant Sale**

Dave Nixon brought OSPF plants for sale, enthusiastically received by members present.

### **OSPF 25th Anniversary Trip**

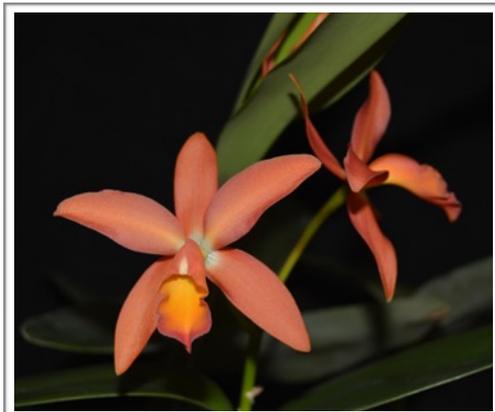
Plans are underway for SOS members to attend the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the OSPF in Edmonton, the weekend of August 13<sup>th</sup>. We will rent vans and leave on Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup> and return to Saskatoon on Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>. During the time in Edmonton we will attend the Anniversary Reception, tour the Muttart Conservatory, the OSPF greenhouse and the new OSPF Propagation Centre. Darrell Albert, Orchid Society of Alberta President has also invited us to tour his greenhouse. The transportation cost will be between \$35- \$40 per person. Heather Anderson will have a sign-up sheet at the April Meeting. More details will follow in the May SOS Newsletter.

SOS MARCH SHOW & TELL TABLE

Photos by Sara Thue



*Jackfowlieara* Appleblossom  
Grower: Pat Randall



*Cattleya* Caribbean 'Orange Bowl'  
HCC/AOS  
Grower: Heather Anderson



*Arranges citrata*  
Grower: Catherine Fairbairn



*Phragmipedium* Grande  
Grower: Bob Lucas



*Phalaenopsis philippinensis*  
Grower: Merle Ward



*Paphiopedilum Jogjae*  
Grower: Bob Lucas



*Maxillaria tenuifolia*  
Grower: Merle Ward



*Phalaenopsis Sogo Gotris*  
Grower: Pat Randall



*Cattleya mossiae*  
Grower: Pat Randall



*Dendrobium lindleyi (syn aggregatum)*  
Grower: Cheryl Adamson



*Paphiopedilum Sunset Glow*  
Grower: Bob Lucas



*Paphiopedilum N-Charm Greenery x spicerianum*  
Grower: Heather Anderson



*Lepanthes helgae*  
Grower: Don Keith



*Phragmipedium Pink Fire*  
Grower: Pat Randall



*Sophrolaeliocattleya (Slc) Little Hazel 'M'*  
Grower: Merle Ward



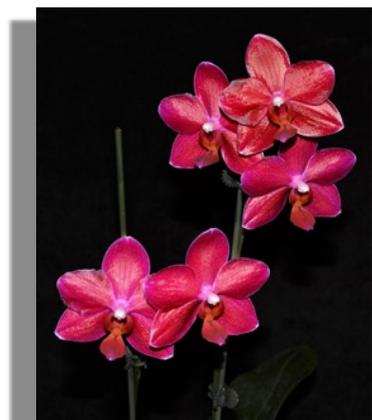
*Cattleya coccinea 'T.G. Select'*  
Grower: Merle Ward



*Phalaenopsis japonica*  
(previously classified as *Sedirea japonica*)  
Grower: Lynn Campbell



*Doritaenopsis Sogo Vivien*  
Grower: Pat Randall



*Phalaenopsis Memoria Vivian Orban #2*  
(Cool Cat 'Wow' x Orchidview Tabasco 'K')  
Breeder & Grower: Bob Lucas



*Phalaenopsis Memoria Vivian Orban #1*  
Breeder & Grower: Bob Lucas



*Paphiopedilum hainanense*  
Grower: Pat Randall

# The SOS at the OSA Orchid Fair 2016

*Words by Tracey Thue, Photos by Tracey Thue and Pat Randall*

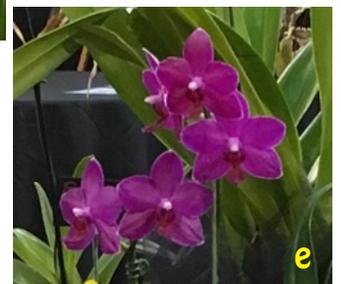
Members of the SOS attended the OSA show held at the Enjoy Centre in St. Albert April 1 - 3, 2016. It was a wonderful show in an ideal setting! Thursday a group of us drove to Edmonton with plants and display materials, arriving mid afternoon to join the activities already underway setting up displays. Bob Lucas and Sherida Gregoire transported most of the plants and the display pieces, while Lori Pozniak and I travelled separately with husbands to join in the fun of unpacking containers and arranging the display! Bob had made labels and pre-registered the 42 plants entered for judging so once the plants were unpacked and pots encased in black sleeves, their black show labels were placed and the numbered yellow stickers applied to those labels according to the category in which the plant had been entered for judging. While this was going on it was fun to see familiar faces and greet friends - Paul Paludet, Terry Letendre, Gordon Heaps, Ben Rostron, Terry and Charlotte from Forestview Gardens, COC President Calvin Wong, and many others.



Thursday evening the vendors were selling to show volunteers and it was a treat to look over their offerings before the show opened to the public. I must say, despite my best intentions there were purchases made! There's just nothing like having a plant in front of you, when you can assess its size, condition and price, make the decision on the spot and carry it away with you - far better than ordering from a list and getting the plant weeks later!



See table on page 10 for plant names!



Friday morning the ribbon judging took place, with 1st, 2nd and 3rd place ribbons awarded to plants in each class as detailed in the Show Schedule. I introduced myself to Show Volunteer Coordinator Yp DeBoer and offered to help in the ribbon judging. She and Monica DeWitt, Show Committee Member in charge of AOS and Ribbon Judging were very welcoming and I was able to join Terry Letendre's group assigned to judging Phalaenopsis classes. From 9am to noon a number of teams went around to the displays, finding plants entered in the classes they were judging, assessing, comparing and awarding ribbons. As ribbon judging was wrapping up the ten American Orchid Society judges in attendance walked around the display area attaching yellow post-it notes to plants nominated for consideration of an AOS award. There were 27 plants nominated!



Garden Slippers Display  
 by Shawn Hillis



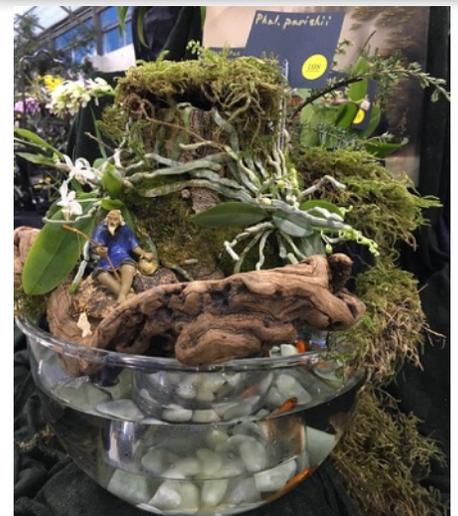
Coelogyne Burfordense  
 grown & shown by  
 Terry Letendre



*Bulbophyllum falcatum* grown by OSPF  
 Show Grand Champion Winner



*Phalaenopsis parishii*  
 mounted over  
 fish bowl



After a lunch break, the AOS judging began. I volunteered to assist the 2 OSA members tasked as “runners” - taking the nominated plants from their displays and carrying them to the judging room, then after being examined by a team of judges, returning them to their display with a light blue AOS Nomination ribbon rosette, or a dark blue AOS Award ribbon rosette if the plant had been awarded an AOS Award. This is a job you don’t hear about! Two nominated plants, an Epidendrum and a Dendrobium, were so large they needed a cart to carry; these were OSA President Darryl Albert’s plants and thankfully he looked after removing them from his display and moving them to the judging room. There was a huge Vanda hanging in the OSA display that was a challenge to carry and more of a challenge to find a safe way of positioning it in the judging room while waiting for it’s assessment. One nomination was a miniature Lepanthes from the Orchid Species Preservation Foundation’s display. The challenge with moving it was retrieving it from the display! It was part of a very effective display of miniatures within the main OSPF display, all arranged on an upright, 5-foot tall trunk of bark. The Lepanthes was 3/4 of the way up the trunk so removing it from the trunk without knocking other plants off was tricky! All in all it was an interesting, and energetic, way of spending an afternoon, and it felt great to help out.



The Show’s Gala Banquet took place Saturday night, with SOS members Don and Shirley Keith, Cheryl Adamson and Heather Anderson in attendance. Don Keith won big with his tiny *Lepanthes tsubotae*! He was awarded an AOS Cultural Certificate of Merit, in recognition of his skills growing this species, and the plant was awarded an AOS Highly Commended Certificate; the plant was also awarded the J&L Orchids Trophy for Best Miniature Under 6” in the show, and first place in its class of Pleurothallis and Allied Pleurothallid genera. These and the other awards won by SOS members are summarized below.

Grower	Plant	Award
Sask Orchid Society	Display	Martin Nussbaumer Trophy for Best Display by a Visiting Society
Bob Lucas	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Mem.Vivian Orban (e)	Dr. Paul Paludet Trophy for Best Grower’s Own Hybrid
Bob Lucas	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Hsinying Tiger (b)	AOS Nomination
Cheryl Adamson	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Liu’s Berry (d)	AOS Nomination
Tracey Thue	<i>Leptotes bicolor</i> (c)	Edmonton African Violet Society Trophy for Best Mounted Orchid
Lori Pozniak	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Chet Byers (f)	AOS Nomination
Pat Randall	<i>Cattleya mossiae</i> (a)	AOS Nomination
Don Keith	<i>Lepanthes tsubotae</i> (g)	J&L Orchids Trophy for Best Miniature under 6”
Don Keith	<i>Lepanthes tsubotae</i>	AOS CCM and HCC

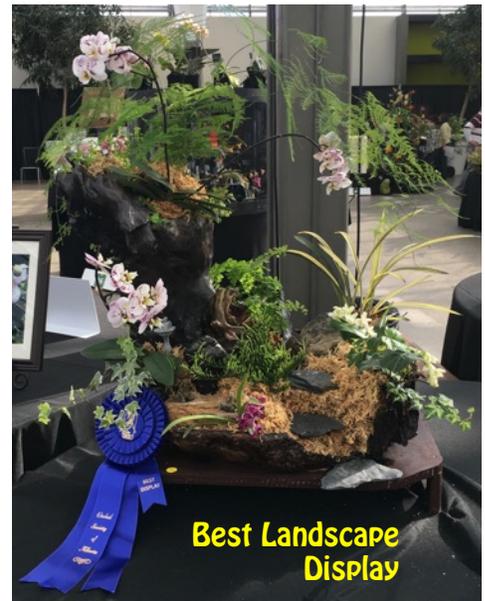
Sunday afternoon at show's end Heather and Cheryl packed up the display and managed to get it along with the pre-ordered plants in the van and safely home to Saskatoon. Thanks to who sent plants and helped out with the Society display. And now as I finish this edition of the newsletter, Gardenscape is in full swing and our Society display there is generating lots of interest and questions, perhaps some of which will translate into new members! *Please note: any inaccuracies are all mine, for which I apologize in advance! Tracey T.*



**OSPF Display -  
branch of miniatures**



**Paph fowliei - Best  
Paphiopedilum**



**Best Landscape  
Display**



**Epidendrum stamfordianum - Best Cattleya  
Alliance. Show Reserve Grand Champion**



**Best Display of 26+ plants  
by Darrel Albert**

SOS General Meeting September 25, 2016: Visit from Terry Groszeibl of Forestview Gardens, BC  
Terry is visiting us in September, will give us a presentation bring plants for sale; Cheryl and Heather will be taking pre-orders, see the Forestview website for available plants <http://www.fvgardens.com>  
The deadline for ordering is Sept 20, 2016. Terry and Charlotte have worked hard to develop a fine reputation for selling top quality, healthy, vigorous Paphiopedilum (and other) orchids. We are very fortunate to have them in Western Canada!