

NEWSLETTER



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Future Meeting Dates:

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

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May Meeting

The May general meeting of the Society will be held on Sunday, May 29, 2016 at John Dolan School, commencing at 1:30 p.m. SOS Executive member Tracey Thue will be giving a presentation titled "An Orchid Summer Holiday And Fall Dip".



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Presentation SOS member Tracey Thue will give a presentation on growing orchids outdoors during the summer and preparing them for bringing back inside at summer's end. Tracey is a member of the SOS and has served on the executive as both Librarian and Newsletter Editor. She has a collection of just over 200 plants, mostly species, which are grown in various rooms of the house. Nearly all of them are moved outdoors to the back yard to spend time enjoying the air and light, and perhaps occasionally even a soft warm rain.

Plant sale Members are encouraged to bring plants for the sale table.

Plant raffle There will be plants for the raffle, donated by both Dutch Growers and Saskatoon Co-op.

Membership Renewals for September 2016 - May 2017

The early membership renewal incentives are still available at the May meeting: choice of a \$5 coupon for the supply table or a blooming size *Leptotes bicolor* or *Leptotes pohlitinocoi* donated by Heather Anderson. Bob Lucas is donating a small number of *Phalaenopsis*

seedlings as well. The supply of plants is limited, so plants will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

SUMMER TRIP TO OSPF

Orchid Species Preservation Foundation (OSPF) Anniversary Trip

The OSPF 25th Anniversary is a 7-day event in Edmonton beginning August 7 and wrapping up on August 17, 2016. As mentioned previously, plans are underway for SOS members to join OSPF members and other orchid enthusiasts to celebrate the Anniversary August 13th and 14th. We will rent vans and leave on the Saturday and return home on Sunday. During the time in Edmonton we will visit the OSPF display at City Hall, tour the orchid collection at the Muttart and the new Orchid Resources Centre (propagation centre). Plans are also in place to fit in a

visit to Darrell Albert's greenhouse. Darrell is an award-winning grower and the President of the Orchid Society of Alberta. The transportation costs will be between \$35 and \$40. A sign-up sheet will be available at the May SOS meeting.

Meeting Agenda:

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



OPPORTUNITY TO BUY MATURE BLOOMING SIZE ORCHIDS!

DR. EHOR GAUK HAS GENEROUSLY DONATED OVER 400 MATURE BLOOMING SIZE ORCHIDS TO THE OSPF. THE OSPF WILL BE SELLING DUPLICATE PLANTS. MANY ARE RARE AND EARLY HYBRID CROSSES. THIS IS A CHANCE TO BUY PREVIOUSLY BLOOMED ORCHIDS! ALL PLANTS HAVE RECEIVED PREVENTATIVE TREATMENT FOR PESTS AND ARE BEING HOUSED AT THE OSPF ORCHID RESOURCE CENTRE. IF INTERESTED CONTACT CHERYL ADAMSON (ORCHIDCRAZYCHERYL@GMAIL.COM) 306-477-0807). A PLANT LIST WILL BE AVAILABLE LATE MAY OR EARLY JUNE.

APRIL 24 MEETING MINUTES

Recorded by Donna Carlson-O'Keefe

Announcements

Bob Lucas welcomed all members and guests.

The Society's 5th annual silent auction fundraiser is taking place today. Members are urged to bid freely as proceeds support Society activities such as bringing in guest speakers. Rules for the silent auction: Bids must be in increments of at least \$2; the auction will be stopped 2-3 tables at a time, announced a couple minutes in advance. The bid sheets indicate that either 50% or 100% of the proceeds go to the SOS.

Memberships can be renewed today for the 2016-17 season. There is an incentive for renewing memberships in April or May, your choice of a *Leptotes* seedling or a card for \$5 credit at the resources table. Memberships run from September to May.

The annual election for the executive will be held after the break. Names have been posted for each position but if anyone else is interested in serving on the executive speak with Bob during the break. Jan Dougall, Librarian and Eugene Kucey, AOS and COC Representative are resigning from the executive. They received a round of applause from the members in appreciation for their years of service.

There was detailed information in the April newsletter about the Orchid Society of Alberta show. Don Keith was congratulated on receiving two AOS awards, an HCC award of quality and a CCM in recognition of his outstanding culture of his *Lepanthes tsubotae*. Four other SOS plants were nominated for AOS awards and three plants received show trophies. The SOS also received the Martin Nussbaum Trophy for best display by a visiting society.

Gardenscape was held April 8-10. Thank you's were extended to Sherida Gregoire for organizing the

Society's display, and to Eugene Kucey and Donna Carlson-O'Keefe for designing the orchid display garden. Thanks were given also to all members of the society who contributed to the SOS display with flowering plants or by donating their time answering questions and sharing their love of orchids during the show.

The Regina Orchid Society show will be held April 30 and May 1, 2016. Heather Anderson is going down and will take the SOS display. Plants for display should be cleaned, labelled and dropped off at her house on Friday, April 29, 4-6pm.



SOS Display at Gardenscape 2016
Photo: Pat Randall

The Orchid Species Preservation Foundation is celebrating its 25th Anniversary in August. The SOS is contemplating renting vans for a trip to Edmonton for the event. The group would go to Edmonton Saturday, Aug 13 and return Sunday, Aug 14. Details to come.

Thank you to those providing refreshments for today's meeting. Two volunteers are needed for the May meeting - their names will be entered in the draw for the treats prize being drawn today.

New products at the resources table include larger Perlite, compressed premium NZ sphagnum moss and a small supply of Superthrive.

Problem Corner

A Miltoniopsis looks desiccated, and dying. The consensus was that the plant should be repotted. There is a buildup of salts on the clay pot although the grower does flush it occasionally. *Miltoniopsis* are known to be sensitive to salt buildup in the growing medium. *A Phalaenopsis* is producing roots instead of blooms - there is a set of roots with each new set of leaves. The plant could be repotted, removing some of the lower leaves and setting the new roots below the level of the potting medium.

Show and Tell

Twenty nine plants were shown by Kathryn Hiller, Yvette Lyster, Mary Orchard, Pat Randall, Merle Ward, Don Keith, Calvin Lo, Vicky Wiley, Al Hartridge, Tracey Thue, Dave Robinson and Bob Lucas.

Break Treats today were provided by Eugene Kucey, Cheryl Grummett, Sarah Nykiforuk, Mercedes Montgomery, Jim Wood, and Kathryn Hiller. Thank you!

Executive Election for 2016-17 Season

A slate of nominees for the 2016-17 executive was presented. Gabrielle Burmeister made a motion to cease nominations and Lynn Campbell seconded. Carried. A move was made by Lynn Campbell, seconded by Irene Stroshein to approve the list of nominees. Carried. The SOS Executive for the coming year includes:

President - Bob Lucas; **Vice President** - Sherida Gregoire; **Past President** - Cal Carter; **Secretary** - Donna Carlson-O'Keefe; **Treasurer** - Cheryl Grummett; **Social Directors** - Shirley Keith & Lori Pozniak; **Plant Orders** - Heather Anderson & Cheryl Adamson; **Resources** - Yvette Lyster & Pat Randall; **Librarians** - Deb Huculiak & Don Keith; **Newsletter Editor** - Tracey Thue; **COC/AOS Representative** - Tom Kondra; **Speaker Coordinator** - Heather Anderson; **Webmaster** - Calvin Lo.

Gabrielle Burmeister led those in attendance in giving a vote of thanks to the outgoing and incoming

executive for all their hard work and dedication to the SOS.

Snacks Table Volunteer Draw

The names of volunteers who had provided treats to meetings from May 2015 to April 2016 were entered into the draw. The winner of a lovely, large flowering Phalaenopsis plant was Marge Kowalchuk.

Show and Tell Draw

Names of all people who brought plants for show & tell from May 2015 to April 2016 were entered into the draw; the person whose name is drawn must be in attendance to win. Vicky Wiley won a lovely flowering Lc Shirayukikime 'M'.

Wilma Nykiforuk Memorial Award

Sarah Nykiforuk selected her favorite plant on today's Show & Tell table in honour of her sister Wilma. Sarah chose Bob Lucas'

Cypripedium reginae, recognizing its delicate beauty and acknowledging that it was Wilma's favourite native orchid.



Orchid Garden Display at Gardenscape 2016
Designed by Eugene Kucey & Donna Carlson O'Keefe;
photo by Donna Carlson O'Keefe

Silent Auction

Throughout the afternoon bids were placed on items donated by members including orchid plants, photo cards, pots, growing medium and mounts.

Adjournment Approximately 3:15 pm.

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 titled "Artificial Lighting", and will include information on LED lights as well as a view of his growing areas. Terry will be bringing 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.

SOS APRIL SHOW & TELL TABLE

Photos by Sara Thue



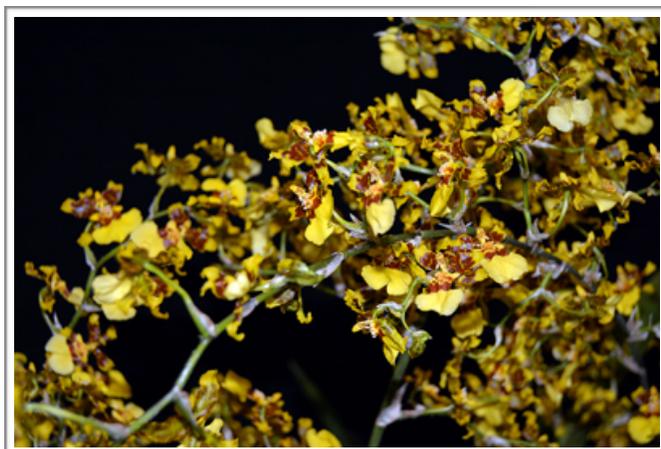
Cypripedium Emil
(*calceolus* x *parviflorum*)
Grower: Tracey Thue



Cypripedium reginae
Grower: Bob Lucas



Phragmipedium popowii
(syn. *warscewiczianum*)
Grower: Bob Lucas



Oncidium sphacelatum
Grower: Mary Orchard



C. Hawaiian Splash 'Lea' BM/JOGA and *B/c.* Husky Boy 'Romeo' BM/JGP'99
Grower: Vicky Wiley



Phalaenopsis manii x self
Grower: Kathryn Hiller



Cly Chantilly Lace 'Twinkle' HCC/AOS
Grower: Yvette Lister



Odontocidium Tiger Crow 'Golden Girl' HCC/AOS
Grower: Pat Randall



Miltoniopsis Hamburg Velvet AM/AOS
Grower: Al Hartridge



Epicattleya Rene Marques 'Flame Thrower' HCC/AOS
Grower: Mary Orchard



Paphiopedilum St. Swithin
(*rothschildianum* x *philippinense*)

Grower:
Tracey Thue



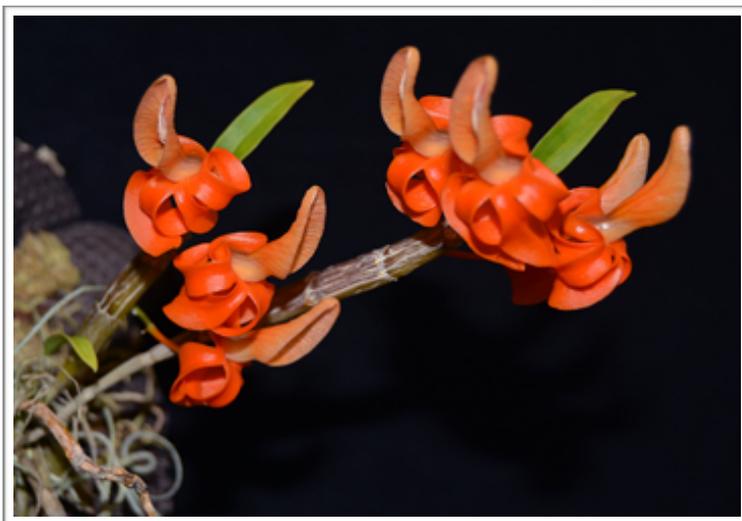
Cattleya Milton Warne 'Premiere' AM/AOS
Grower: Pat Randall



Zygostates alleniana
Grower: Calvin Lo



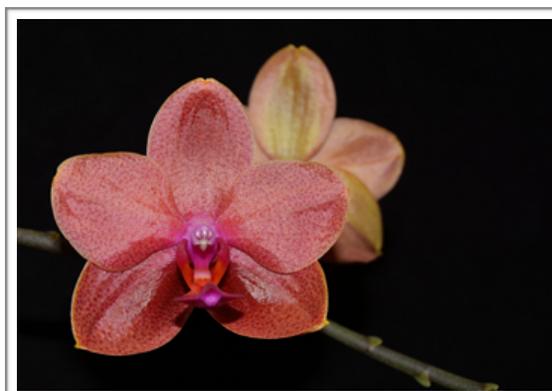
Cymbidium goeringii 'Tan Cao'
Grower: Yvette Lister



Dendrobium unicum
Grower: Calvin Lo



Paphiopedilum venustum x sib
Grower: Yvette Lister



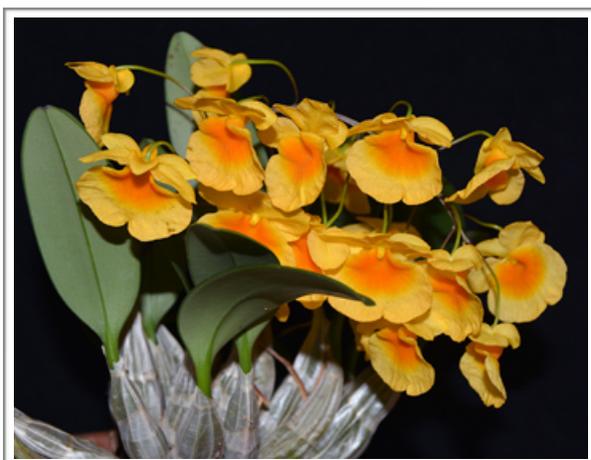
Phal. Ming Hsing Yellow Boy x Orchidview Tabasco 'K'
Grower: Dave Robinson Breeder: Bob Lucas



Masdevallia deformis
Grower: Don Keith



Paphiopedilum haynaldianum
Grower: Mary Orchard



Dendrobium lindleyi (syn. *aggregatum*)
Grower: Yvette Lister



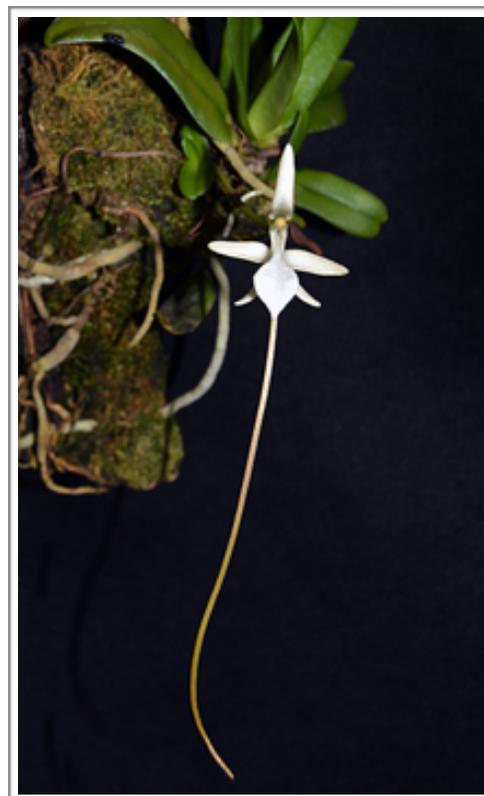
Angraecum equitans
Grower: Calvin Lo



Newly awarded!
Lepanthes tsubotae 'Shirley Keith' HCC/AOS, CCM/AOS
Grower: Don Keith



Dendrobium No ID
Grower: Meryl Ward



Jumellea densifoliata
Grower: Calvin Lo

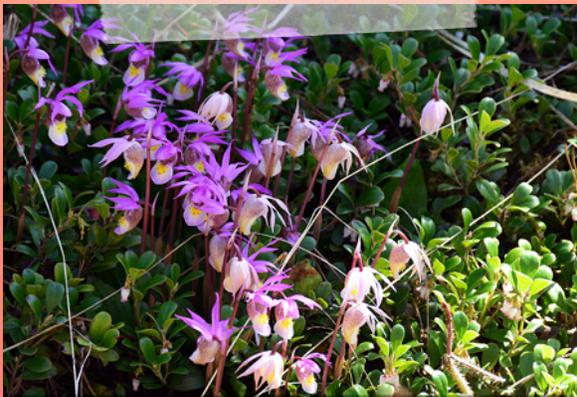
Calypso Orchid

Article and Photos by Sara Thue



Calypso bulbosa var. *americana*, common names: Calypso Orchid, Venus'-slipper or Eastern Fairy Slipper, is a North American native found across Canada and the Northern United States.

Named after the nymph *Calypso* from Homer's *Odyssey*, the Greek word means "to conceal". It's an appropriate name for these orchids that like to grow in well-shaded areas under the cover of conifer forests. The Calypso orchid is pollinated by deception. The colour and scent of the flowers mimic insect food flowers, so even though they produce no nectar and the pollen is difficult to reach, naive foraging insects are attracted to the early season flowers. The colour pattern and scent changes as the flowers age, and vary from plant to plant. This way bees that were fooled by the first flower will see and smell a "different" flower and visit it; after 2 or 3 unrewarded visits the bees may learn to avoid this species, but in the meantime some of the flowers will have been cross-pollinated.



Reference: Johnson *et. al.* (1995) Plants of the Western Boreal Forest & Aspen Parkland.



This spring seems to be a particularly good year for Calypso orchids in Jasper, AB. Hiking the Valley of the Five Lakes trail in early May we discovered hundreds of blooms popping up through the forest floor debris and nestled amongst the kinnikinnick (*Arctostaphylos uva-ursi*).

What's in Bloom at the Muttart? April 2016

Orchid Species Preservation Foundation

Compiled by Dave Nixon, photographs by Doug Bovee/Dave Nixon

Information sourced from Orchidwiz, www.cloudjungle.com, Charles Baker, Orchid Photographic Encyclopedia

***Dendrobium farmerii* 12964A**

A member of the large *Dendrobium* genus, this species is widespread in Nepal, Bhutan, northeast India, Burma, Thailand, Laos, and Malaya growing in primary forests on large trees that overhang rivers. It usually produces 14-35 loosely arranged flowers per inflorescence. Blossoms are 5 cm (2-in) across and are pink, lilac-mauve, straw-yellow or white. The large downy lip is nearly round, egg-yolk to orange-yellow, and often edged with white.

This plant is kept in the hot section of the greenhouse but from November - February it is moved to the cold house and watering is reduced to mimic the natural growing conditions to trigger flowering in the spring.

This plant is part of the donation to the OSPF by Jim Strong who was the first President and one of the original founder's of the OSPF.



***Pleurothallis ascera* 12408C**

We are again featuring one of the larger orchid genera, the *Pleurothallis* which can be found in Costa Rica, Panama and Columbia at elevations of 1800 m. The common name of *Pleurothallis ascera* is the "Fur-lined Shoe Orchid", referring to the pubescent shoe-like lip.

The plant is a small-sized, cool growing epiphyte and has leaves up to 6" and flowers are 1" fully opened. The flowers emerge from the base of the leaf from a papery sheath in winter. The mature leaves are very attractive so it makes a nice specimen when not in flower.

This plant is grown in the cold, shady section of the greenhouse and was purchased by the OSPF from Ecuagenera in 2013.

The Regina Orchid Society Show
by Heather Anderson, Photos by Pat Randall

The Regina Orchid Society Show was held the weekend of April 30th at the Telepioneer Activity Centre. Yvette Lyster and I took a display to the Show on behalf of the SOS. 32 orchids were showcased at the Show and the following members sent plants: Pat Randall, Cheryl Adamson, Yvette Lyster, Heather Anderson, Bob Lucas, Tracey Thue, James Sather and Don Keith. James Sather and Ibn Dionisio assisted with the set up and knock down of the display. During the weekend educational presentations were provided by: Monica De Witt, Dave Nixon, Gordon Heaps, and Phyllis Campbell. I attended Gordon Heaps session on Mini Cattleyas. Gordon is an excellent grower and no matter how often I attend one of his lectures I always learn something new or come away with a few growing tips. The Vendors were: Monica, Gordon and Mike Gabrielson and they had a good selection of orchids for sale. The highlight of the weekend was when Cheryl Adamson's Phrag. Dominianum 'Bob Mac Peek' was awarded Show Grand Champion. It was spectacular with 7 blooms and 1 bud on two stems. Congratulations Cheryl. For her efforts she received a beautiful purple vase etched with an orchid. The artist who created the vase was Garth Winn, a member of the Regina Society. All and all it was a great weekend and we appreciated the hospitality shown to us by the Regina Orchid Society members.

