

# NEWSLETTER



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## Future Meeting Dates:

Jan 24, 2016	Feb 28, 2016	Mar 20, 2016
Apr 24, 2016	May 29, 2016	

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## November Meeting

The November general meeting of the Society will be held on

**November 22, 2015** at John Dolan School, commencing at 1:30 p.m.

The meeting will feature repotting demonstrations presented by members of the SOS executive.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Plant Order** Dave Nixon, President of the Orchid Species Preservation Foundation is offering to bring plants to Saskatoon the end of December when he travels to Saskatchewan to visit family. The plant list was emailed to the membership on October 25. If you are interested please send your order to Heather or Cheryl A. by December 18.

**Presentation - Repotting and more!** There will be 4 stations set up around the room, with Bob repotting a *Phragmipedium* plant, Sherida repotting *Paphiopedilum* plants, and Tracey dividing and potting a *Cattleya* plant (or mounting an orchid). Heather A. will be at the fourth station with a laptop computer and the OrchidWiz software; if you are curious about the parentage of a plant you own, its cultural requirements, or simply want to know how to use OrchidWiz, stop by and visit Heather during the presentations.

**Plant sale** SOS members are encouraged to bring plants for the sale table, for purchase by members. The society takes 10% of the sale price to put toward rental of the school gymnasium. Please label the plant with a piece of tape marked with your asking price and your name or initials. Cheryl Grummet will mail you a cheque for the balance of your sales. If you see a plant you're interested in purchasing from the sales table, give your membership number to Cheryl prior to the plant sale. These

numbers will be drawn randomly; when your number is drawn you may choose one plant to purchase. After all numbers have been drawn any remaining plants can be purchased by any member, even if they didn't enter their number.



**Phrag Hanne Popow**

**Plant raffle** There will be a plant raffle this month, with plants donated by Saskatoon Coop and Safeway. Thanks to Sherida for making this monthly raffle possible. Tickets can be purchased from SOS Librarians Jan or Deb at the library table, one for \$1 or three for \$2.

### Meeting Agenda:

**Announcements**  
**Problem Corner**  
**Show and Tell**  
**Coffee/Supplies/Library**  
**Repotting Demonstrations**  
**Plant Raffle**  
**Plant Sale**  
**Adjournment**

**T5 Light Order** If you signed up to purchase T5 lights during last month's meeting, you can pick them up at the November meeting. The price per light is \$34.65, tax included.

### 2016 Calendar Fundraiser

The calendars will be available for pickup at the meeting; those of you who signed up for a calendar please bring your money - \$15 per calendar. There are a few extras so if you've decided you'd like one and didn't put your name down, you may be able to purchase one.

### Microphone & PA system

The executive is shopping for a new PA system for the society. The one we have is showing its age in poor sound quality and lack of flexibility for speakers working with a laptop.

**Show & Tell** If you have a flowering orchid, please bring it to the meeting and tell us about it. Each time you bring plants for show and tell your name is recorded; at the end of the year your name is entered into a draw to win a plant! If you bring plants every meeting, your name is entered 8 times!

**Treats Signup Sheet** Please sign up to bring treats to a future meeting! The sheet is at the entrance where you pick up your membership badges.

**Treats Donation Tin** Please drop some silver into the donation tin during the break. Donations go to the Orchid Species Preservation Foundation. See their website for more information about the foundation <http://orchidspecies.ca>

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## **OCTOBER 25 MEETING MINUTES**

Recorded by Donna Carlson-O'Keefe

### **Announcements**

Bob Lucas welcomed members and guests to the meeting; there were two new members attending.

Memberships are available for \$25 for an individual, \$30 for a family.

Plants in the plant raffle are donated by Saskatoon Coop on 8th St, made available to us through the efforts of Sherida Gregoire. Tickets for the raffle can be purchased at the library table, 1 ticket for \$1, 3 for \$2.

Members are reminded that one membership privilege is a discount of 10% on orchid related supplies at Early's. You must present your SOS membership card to get this discount.

There's a new procedure for determining who will bring treats for the meetings. There is a sign up sheet with Shirley at the name tags table, and members can volunteer in advance.

The 2016 calendars will be delivered in the next couple of weeks and will be available for pickup at the November meeting. Bob ordered four extra calendars, so interested people can sign up for them at the front table. The cost is \$15 each.

At the resource table there are a box and bag of various used pots, free for the taking. These were donated to Bob some time ago. Those remaining after this meeting will be recycled.

Our speaker today is Calvin Wong, President of the COC, an AOS judge, and a member of the judging team at our COC show this past spring. He will also lend us his expertise for the Show & Tell and Problem Corner. Calvin has brought pre-ordered plants and plants for

sale. Those wishing to purchase any plants from Calvin should put their membership numbers in at the front table.

SOS members interested in pre-ordering T5 bulbs from Early's should sign up at the resources table. The cost is estimated to be \$33 (plus tax) for a 4-foot bulb without the reflector.

### **Library**

More back issues of the AOS Bulletin magazine are available, free for the taking.

### **Problem Corner**

There were no problems brought forward this month.

### **Plant Orders**

Heather Anderson announced that there will be a plant order from the Orchid Species Preservation Foundation. A list of plants available for order is at the front table. Dave Nixon, President of the OSPF will be coming through Saskatoon before Christmas, and can deliver the plants. Contact Heather or Cheryl Adamson to order plants.



**Trisetella hoeijeri**

**Grown & photographed by Sara Thue**

### **Show and Tell**

Fifteen flowering orchids were shown by Don Keith, Pat Randall, Heather Anderson, Shirley Keith, Becky Janzen, Lynn Campbell, Merle Ward, Cheryl Adamson, Donna Carlson-O'Keefe, and Bob Lucas.

### **Break**

Thank you to Al Hartridge, Becky Janzen, Wanda Hynne, Lynn Campbell and Lori Pozniak for providing snacks this month!

## Presentation

Judging at the 2015 Japan Grand Prix International Orchid Festival, presented by Calvin Wong. Calvin was one of 12 judges at the 2015 Japan Grand Prix (JPG) International Orchid Festival, held in the Tokyo Dome in mid February of 2015. He represented the American Orchid Society (AOS), and was the only Canadian judge at the event. Half of the judges were from Japan.

Awards were made in four divisions:

Division I: Individual Plants - each class is all one color. There is a heavy focus on Asian species and they are judged separately by master growers in Japan, according to the Japan Orchid Growers Association (JOGA) system. People must be nominated for these judging positions, and must have at least 30 years



Division II: Fragrance - Shiseido is a major sponsor for the show and each year makes a perfume based on the fragrance of the winning plant. This perfume is sold only at the JGP show the following year.

Division III: Display - Displays are based partially on volume, and can take a week to set up. The winning display was 17 feet tall and 30 feet wide!

Division IV: Floral Arrangement - Sub-classes are Interior Design, Table Arrangement, and Bouquets.

The judging system consists of three rounds. The first round includes the ribbon awards; similar to the AOS system, ribbons are awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each of 41 categories. The second round includes the trophy awards, chosen from the first place winners of the ribbon awards. The third round results in the selection of winners of division awards. All 41 trophy winners are judged and the best 13 get a monetary award.

There are three special awards: the AOS Trophy for the grower of the best specimen plant, the Royal

Horticultural Society (RHS) Trophy for the grower of the best tropical or temperate orchid plant, and the World Orchid Conference (WOC) Trust Trophy for the grower of the best species plant.

The best plant in the show receives the Award of Excellence (JGP Grand Champion), a monetary prize of \$20,000 and a Mercedes Benz car. In 2015 it also received the AOS Trophy. The second best plant receives the Award of Distinction and \$5000 (and

WOC Trust Trophy in 2015), and the third best plant receives the Merit Award and \$2000 (and RHS Trophy in 2015). The ten remaining top plants receive Encouragement Awards and \$500.

In the final round of judging all entries are judged for medal awards. Judging is according to JOGA standards and is highly subjective, not as rigorous a system as the AOS judging system. Gold medals represent a score of 90-100, silver 80-89, bronze 75-79. Plants with scores of 80 and up receive certificates of cultural merit.

Calvin showed many spectacular slides of the award winners and displays, and also of the huge sales area, which can take as much as five days of walking to cover! He showed slides of his visit to the Tokyo Orchid Nursery, located about 3 hours outside Tokyo. This nursery specializes in complex Paphiopedilum, particularly Paph rothschildianum.

## Plant Raffle

There were 17 plants in the raffle, donated by Saskatoon Co-op. All were claimed.

## Plant Sale

Calvin Wong brought a wide selection of plants for sale to the membership, as well as the plants that had been pre-ordered. Many but not all plants were sold.

## Adjournment

Approximately 3:10 pm.



**SOS OCTOBER SHOW & TELL TABLE**

Photos by Sara Thue



*Phragmipedium* Ruby Slippers  
(*Phrag besseae* x *caudatum*)  
Grower: Bob Lucas



*Paphiopedilum* F.C. Puddle FCC/RHS  
Grower: Lynn Campbell



*Cattleytonia* Why Not 'Roundabout' AM/AOS  
(*Guarianthe aurantiaca* x *Broughtonia sanguinea*)  
Grower: Merle Ward



*Psychopsis papillio* x *versteegianum* 'Pavain'  
Grower: Pat Randall



*Colmanara* Hibrida Massai  
Grower: Pat Randall



*Cymbidium goeringii* 'Tan Cao'  
Grower: Shirley Keith



*Phalaenopsis*  
Grower: Becky Janzen



*Masdevallia constricta*  
Grower: Don Keith



*Phragmipedium* April Fool 'Carly'  
Grower: Bob Lucas



*Paphiopedilum* Olympian Yard  
x Green Gem  
Grower: Bob Lucas



*Cattleya* Wally Bliss  
Grower: Heather Anderson



*Cattleya* hybrid  
Grower: Donna Carlson O'Keefe



*Paphiopedilum* Donna Hanes 'Golden' BM/  
CSA x (Gold Creek x Honda Gold) '295'  
Grower: Bob Lucas

## What's in Bloom at the Muttart? November 2015

### Orchid Species Preservation Foundation

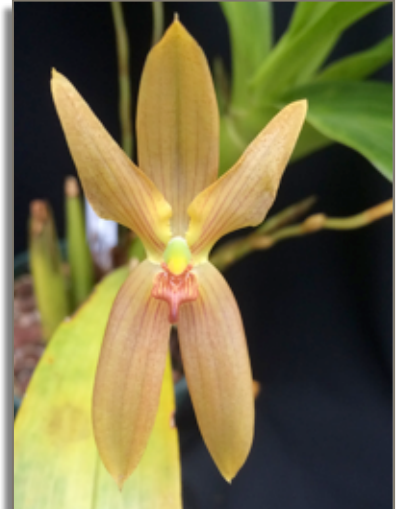
Compiled by Dave Nixon, photographs by Doug Bovee

Information sourced from Orchidwiz, [orchidspecies.com](http://orchidspecies.com), The Plant List, LANKESTERIANA 10(2-3) 2010, Charles Baker, Wikipedia

#### *Mormolyca polyphylla*

The *Mormolyca* genera has grown in size due to the reclassification of many *Maxillaria* species that have swelled the number of species in this genus to 27. These plants are found in Central and northern South America growing as small epiphytes. The generic name is from the Greek *mormo* meaning goblin, and *lykos*, meaning wolf, and alludes to the strange appearance of the flowers.

*Mormolyca polyphylla*, commonly known as the many-leafed *Mormolyca* was one of the original members of the genus, first described in 1959. It is found in Ecuador and Peru in wet montane forests at elevations of 900 to 1100 meters as a small to medium sized, warm to cool growing epiphyte. This plant was purchased by the OSPF in February 2013 from Ecuagenera and is growing on the west, hot section of the greenhouse.



#### *Stelis microchila*

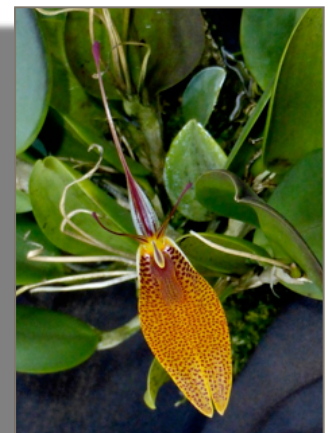
The *Stelis* genus has 925 epiphytic or lithophytic species spread throughout the tropical New World. They inhabit moist, mossy forests on the trunks of trees and many have light sensitive flowers, which need direct sun temporarily to open; some close completely at night.

*Stelis microchila* (small-lipped *Stelis*) is native to Mexico, Central America and Ecuador, found in lower primary montane, montane rainforest and pine-oak forests at elevations of 900-1500m. The flowers are very small, measuring approx. 3mm across, so you really need to use a magnifying glass to appreciate their beauty. The plant is kept on the east side of our

#### *Restrepia elegans*

The *Restrepia* genus, named after Jose Manuel Restrepo Velez, includes 56 small epiphytic or rarely lithophytic herbs found from Mexico to northern Argentina at elevations of 1800-2400m in open areas with high light near rivers and streams. They grow on tree trunks and lower branches and can become quite large masses.

*Restrepia elegans* or the elegant *Restrepia* is found in Venezuela, Colombia and Peru as a miniature, variably sized and coloured caespitose [Editor's note: caespitose is Latin for growing in clusters, or tufts], hot to warm growing epiphyte in wet montane forests at elevations around 700-2800m. This species can flower at any time of the year and is grown in the cold house as it prefers night temperatures of 10-15C.







***Pleurothallis nuda***

The *Pleurothallis* genus is one of the largest in the Orchidaceae in the New World, with more than 602 species represented from all parts of the sub tropical and tropical Americas. Typically they are epiphytes, but on occasion they can be found growing as terrestrials or as lithophytes with extremely diverse plant forms, from miniature moss-like plants to large, ranging plants of several feet in height. Their cultural requirements are as varied as their plant forms so each species should be treated according to the environment in which it is found.

*Pleurothallis nuda* is native to Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia. It grows as an epiphyte in wet tropical forests on the eastern Andean slopes.

This plant was purchased by the OSPF in February 2013 from Ecuagenera and is grown on the east side in the intermediate section of the greenhouse.

**Latest COC Newsletter**

The November newsletter from the Canadian Orchid Congress is available online. Go to the COC website and look around - it has been redesigned and looks wonderful! Back issues of the COC newsletter to 1989 are available for your reading pleasure.

<http://canadianorchidcongress.ca>

**Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) Search Page**

If you own an orchid hybrid and are interested in it's parentage, or you have a cross and don't know it's registered name, try using the RHS search engine. If the cross is registered with the RHS you'll find it here!

<http://apps.rhs.org.uk/horticulturaldatabase/orchidregister/orchidregister.asp>

**The Internet Orchid Species Photo Encyclopedia**

Do you have a species orchid that you're trying to learn about, it's native habitat and growth habit, and perhaps better meet its requirements? The IOSPE is a wonderful source of information, with photos, plant and habitat descriptions as well as synonyms and references.

<http://www.orchidspecies.com>

**2015 Japan Grand Prix (JPG) International Orchid Festival Web Page**

The image shown on page 4 was taken from this webpage <http://www.jgpweb.com/2015/outline/english.php>