

NEWSLETTER



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Future Meeting Dates:

Feb 26, 2017	Mar 19, 2017	Apr 23, 2017
May 28, 2017	Sept 2017	Oct 2017

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January Meeting

The general meeting of the Society will be held on Sunday, Jan 22, 2017 at John Dolan School, beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Ben Rostron, AOS Judge and OSA Member (and former SOS Member) is visiting us from Edmonton, speaking about his travels to China in search of rare *Cypripedium* species.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Presentation - Ben Rostron is a professor of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences at the University of Alberta and an accredited American Orchid Society Judge. Or as his daughter is fond of noting, "his passions are rocks and flowers." As an orchid judge, Ben has specialized in travelling the world in search of orchid species in situ. A gallery of his photos has been posted online by the North American Orchid Conservation Center (<http://northamericanorchidcenter.org/featured-orchids-of-alberta/>). Ben's presentation to the SOS will feature photos from a trip to China in search of rare *Cypripedium* orchids.

Plant sale Members are encouraged to bring plants to sell to other members attending the meeting.

Plant raffle There will be plants for the raffle, donated by Saskatoon Co-op. Tickets can be purchased at the library table, 1 ticket for \$1 or 3 for \$2. Thanks again to Sherida for making this possible!

Thank you! To SOS member James Wood for donating a new bluetooth adapter to connect the laptop computer to our new speaker, for better sound volume and quality.

February General Meeting Speaker

Terry Letendre of the Orchid Society of Alberta is visiting us in February (weather permitting). Terry will be bringing plants for sale from his large and varied collection; he may be able to send us a plant list from which to pre-order. This will be confirmed in February. Stay tuned!

Did you have an orchid open its flower too early or too late to bring to a general meeting for Show & Tell? Take a photo of it and email it to me at thues@sasktel.net and I'll put it on our facebook page!

Tracey Thue

Meeting Agenda:

Announcements
Problem Corner
Show and Tell
BREAK: Treats/
Supplies/Library
Presentation
Plant Sale
Plant Raffle
Adjournment



Paphiopedilum villosum

Potted in a mix of bark, perlite, chopped sphagnum moss and charcoal, this plant grows on an east-facing windowsill in the winter and outdoors in the summer in a moderately bright location. The species does not like to dry out so it is watered 1-2x a week with rain water. <http://www.slipperorchids.info/paphdatasheets/paphiopedilum/villosum/index.html> Tracey Thue.

GARDENSCAPE March 24 - 26, 2017

Mark your calendars! The SOS is once again entering a display at Gardenscape. Consider bringing your flowering plants to be part of the display. Volunteers are encouraged to sign up to work shifts at the display - sign up sheets will be available at the February SOS general meeting.

This year the SOS is being joined by the Orchid Species Preservation Foundation, with the 2 displays to be presented side by side for an even larger, more exciting display!

NOVEMBER 20 MEETING MINUTES

Recorded by Donna Carlson-O'Keefe

Announcements

Bob Lucas welcomed members, including one new member, and a guest to the meeting.

Memberships are on sale, \$25 for an individual, \$30 for a family membership. Members not renewing by the end of this meeting will lose membership privileges, including access to the plant sale table.

Plants donated by the Saskatoon Co-op and Safeway will be raffled today. Tickets can be purchased at the Library table, 1 for \$1 or 3 for \$2.

The late Charlotte Cummings of One Twisted Sister Artworks donated an assortment of her glazed orchid pots to Heather Anderson and Cheryl Adamson. The pots will be placed on the plant sale table, with proceeds going to the 2023 World Orchid Congress bid committee. This committee was established to try to bring the 2023 WOC to Edmonton.

Today's presentation is a panel discussion on internet sources of information about orchids and orchid culture. Panel members are Pat Randall, Don Keith and Tracey Thue, with additional material contributed by Calvin Lo, who couldn't attend today's meeting.

There are plants on the plant sale table. Those wishing to purchase plants should put their numbers in at the front desk. When a number is drawn, that member can choose one plant; after each person has had a chance to select a plant, anyone can go back and purchase more. The orchid pots are not part of the lottery; anyone wishing to purchase pots may do so at any time.

Treats today were provided by Jennifer Osachoff, Lynne Corrigan, Vicky Wiley, Merle Ward, Marge Kowalchuk and Lori Pozniak. People wishing to volunteer to bring treats to future meetings should sign up with Shirley.

There is information at the front table on the 2017 World Orchid Conference in Ecuador and a post-conference tour proposed by The Orchid Species Preservation Foundation.

Resources

Pat reported that a new type of bark, Orchiata, is available from a supplier in BC. Orchiata is from the New Zealand pine tree *Pinus radiata*, and is very dense, more uniform in size and lasts longer than regular bark. With shipping, the cost is about double that of regular bark. Pat has a sample for members to examine. If there is enough interest, Pat will bring some in for sale to SOS members.

Problem Corner

A member had ordered a couple of Masdevallia plants from Ecuagenera. When they arrived, both were in bud. They were repotted and they are now producing new leaves, but the buds haven't opened. Will they eventually open or should he cut them off?

Advice from members present:

- A problem with low humidity would stop the buds from opening;
- Most orchid plants, and *Masdevallias* in particular, are prone to shock; after the shock of shipping these buds may never open. Remove the buds and the plants will produce more blooms in the future.

Papbiopedilum
F.C. Puddle
Grown by Tracey
Thue, Photo by
Sara Thue



Oncidium Gold Dust
(*Onc. Twinkle* x *cheirophorum*)
Grown & photographed by Tobi Fenton



Show and Tell

Thirteen plants were shown by Claire Bullaro, Don Keith, Sherida Gregoire, Heather Anderson, Tracey Thue and Bob Lucas.

Break

Presentation: A panel discussion on web sources for all things related to orchids. Panelists: Calvin Lo (in his absence Calvin's written contribution was presented by Heather Anderson), Pat Randall, Tracey Thue, Don Keith.

Calvin explained what forums, or message boards are and how they work. Most people in the forums are helpful, but don't believe everything you read! Calvin's favourite forums are:

OrchidsForum.com, OrchidBoard.com (very good for new growers), m.reddit.com/r/orchids (Reddit for orchids). There are forums dedicated to certain genera, such as BigLeafOrchids.com (specializes in *Phalaenopsis*), and SlipperTalk.com (specializes in *Paphiopedilum*, *Phragmipedium*, *Cypripedium*, *Mexipedium* and *Selenipedium*). An old but still useful forum is TheOrchidSource.com.

Pat recommends OrchidBoard.com, a very active forum developed by a Maritimer with members world-wide.

Tracey recommends SlipperTalk.com.

Don uses the internet to find information, not so much for social interaction. He recommends OrchidSpecies.com, which lists 21,000 species in 855 genera. He has the app on his smart phone and uses it to prescreen orchids that he's considering purchasing. It has 700 subscribers at \$10 per year. Don also recommends Brad's Greenhouse and Gardening from Duncan, BC. Brad produces one or two videos a week on the topics of orchids, carnivorous plants and greenhouse mechanics and management. Anyone can subscribe to Brad's YouTube channel, or search YouTube for his videos.

Other members suggested OrchidWeb.com, the website of Orchids Limited in Minneapolis, or searching YouTube for any topic in which you are interested.

Plant Raffle

There were 38 plants donated by the Saskatoon Co-op and Safeway; all were claimed by those purchasing raffle tickets.

Plant Sale

Several pieces of mounting bark and synthetic tree fern were on the table for sale, as well as 7 plants. Much of these sold. There was a collection of the glazed pots on the sale table as well, donated by the late Charlotte Cummings.

Adjournment Approx. 3:25 pm.



Phragmipedium Cape Sunset



SOS NOVEMBER SHOW & TELL TABLE

Photos by Tracey Thue



Phragmipedium caudatum
Grower: Sherida Gregoire



Dendrobium trigonopus
Grower: Tracey Thue



Comparettia speciosa
Grower: Don Keith



Phragmipedium Paul Eugene Conroy
(*Phrag longifolium* 'Waunakee' x *wallisii* 'Warrior')
Grower: Sherida Gregoire



Potinara Rebecca's Delight 'Moonglow'
Grower: Gabriele Burmeister



Angraecum sesquipedale
Grower: Sherida Gregoire



Trichopilia fragrans
Grower: Tracey Thue



Phragmipedium Peruflora's
Cirila Alca
(*Phrag dalessandroi* x *kovachii*)
Grower: Bob Lucas



Potinara Hsingying Rouge 'CH#6'
Grower: Sherida Gregoire



Paphiopedilum tranlienianum
Grower: Bob Lucas



Paphiopedilum lockianum var. *coccinea*
Grower: Heather Anderson



Vanda Robert Delight 'Dark Red'
Grower: Sherida Gregoire

AOS Pacific Northwest Judging Centre-Richmond's Outreach Judging

Dec 10, 2016

Photography by Abu Salleh and Ryan Young



Paphiopedilum insigne 'Ane-Marie' CCM/AOS 85pts
Exhibitor: Svend Munkholm



Paphiopedilum insigne 'Royal Road's'
CCM/AOS 75pts and CCE/AOS 92pts
Exhibitor: Svend Munkholm

What's in Bloom at the Muttart? November 2016

Orchid Species Preservation Foundation

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

Information sourced from *Orchidwiz*, *Charles Baker*, *Orchid Photographic Encyclopedia*,
The Plant List, *Wikipedia*

Sobralia* [Sob.] *fimbriata

There are 182 accepted species in the genus *Sobralia*, spread throughout the tropics of Mexico to South America. The genus is characterized by large terrestrials with leafy, reed-like stems with heavily veined leaves and colourful, often very fragrant flowers. These are short-lived, lasting in many cases only a day which is why they are not often seen at orchid shows. There have been only 53 awarded plants in this genus compared to over 10,000 awards to *Cattleya*, for example. The genus was named after Dr. Francisco Sobral, a Spanish physician and botanist in the 1700's.

The common name for *Sobralia fimbriata* is "the Fringed Sobralia". It is a medium to large sized, hot to warm growing terrestrial species found in Costa Rica, Panama, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Venezuela and Brazil. It grows in wet montane forests from 600-2100m. It tends to produce a few inflorescences in spring and summer with one 3", heavily fragrant flower open at a time. Although some *Sobralia* species aggressively colonize disturbed areas, *Sobralia fimbriata* does not generally survive severe habitat disturbance.

This specimen was purchased by the OSPF in 2012.



Bulbophyllum* [Bulb.] *maxillare

Commonly known as "The Chinbone Bulbophyllum" or in Australia as "The Red Horntail Orchid", this species can be found in Peninsular Malaysia, Sumatra, Borneo, the Philippines, Java, New Guinea, the Solomon Islands and Australia. Often found growing on the trunks and large branches of trees in bright scattered shade, often in rather exposed situations.

This plant was purchased by the OSPF from Ecuagenera in April 2016.

Paphiopedilum* [Paph.] *gratixianum

The *Paphiopedilum* genus is comprised of 148 species occurring in SE Asia and the Pacific Islands out to the Solomon Islands. Plants lack pseudobulbs, have fan-shaped growths giving rise to a stiff and sometimes hairy inflorescence, with 1 or many flowers opening either together or in stages. The genus has two distinct growing types evidenced in their leaves. One type are mottled or solid with more than one flower, which grows warmer; the second type has solid green leaves with only one flower and these grow intermediate to cool. *Paphiopedilum* orchids are related to our terrestrial *Cypripedium* of North America, commonly known as lady's slippers. The genus name is derived from *Paphia*, Greek for Aphrodite with reference to the beauty of the flowers.

Gratix's *Paphiopedilum* can be found in southeastern Laos and northern Vietnam growing in wet primary, broad-leaved, evergreen highland cloud forests at 900-1220m with no dry period and constant humidity. Plants grow in leaf litter caught in silicate soil pockets or on rhyolite or on granite cliff walls in deep shade. Blooms appear in the fall and early winter on an erect, up to 25cm (10") long green with purple pubescent inflorescence carrying a single long-lasting flower.



This plant was part of Eugene Ostapovich's collection that he kindly donated to the OSPF in the fall of 2013.



Paphiopedilum* [Paph.] *concolor

Commonly known as "The One-Colored *Paphiopedilum*", this species can be found in Burma, Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, SW China and northern Vietnam. It grows near the ocean and along streams on limestone rocks and leaf litter in dry evergreen, broad-leaved forests as well as on limestone cliff faces. Plants normally grow in bright, indirect sunlight with their roots in moss or leafy humus in clefts or fissures where water seeps. Flowers have a pleasing fragrance like apples.

This plant has been in the collection since its inception but we are unable to confirm if it was donated or purchased.

Dendrobium* [Den.] *amplum

Commonly known as the "Noble", "Large", "Impressive" or "Extensive" *Epigeneium*, this species has been reclassified from the *Epigeneium* genus to the *Dendrobium* genus. This species grows in Nepal, Sikkim, Bhutan, Assam in NE India, Burma, N Thailand, Vietnam and China. They are very abundant beside streams, sometimes covering the forest floor in dense masses. They grow as epiphytes and lithophytes in open, dry primary and secondary forests of broad-leaved coniferous trees. The flowers are powerfully fragrant and heavily textured. Plants bloom in fall and winter and are long-lasting.

This plant has been in the collection since its inception.



Upcoming Orchid Events

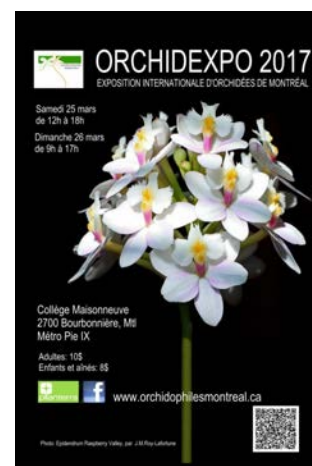
Feb 11, 12, 2017 Southern Ontario Orchid Society Show & Sale, Toronto Botanical Garden

Mar 2017 Gardenscape, Prairieland Park, Saskatoon **The SOS will be entering a display - stay tuned for details.**

March 25, 26, 2017 Orchid Expo 2017, Montreal

March 25, 26, 2017 Vancouver Orchid Society Show & Sale, VanDusen Botanical Garden, Vancouver

Apr 7, 8, 9, 2017 Orchid Society of Alberta Annual Orchid Fair and Canadian Orchid Congress AGM, The Enjoy Centre, St Albert
The SOS will be entering a display - stay tuned for details.



ECUAGENERA ORCHID TOURS

Dave Nixon, President of the Orchid Species Preservation Foundation is coordinating with Ecuagenera a

TOUR OF ECUADOR

to take place directly after the World Orchid Conference.

Proposed dates are Sunday November 12 to Thursday November 23, 2017. If you are interested please contact Dave Nixon dnixon@shaw.ca. Go to <http://www.woc22.com/> for information on the WOC. There's also lots of information on Ecuagenera's website <http://www.ecuagenera.com>