

NEWSLETTER



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Future Meeting Dates:

Nov 20, 2016	Jan 22, 2017	Feb 26, 2017
Mar 19, 2017	Apr 23, 2017	May 28, 2017

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October Meeting

The general meeting of the Society will be held on Sunday, Oct 23, 2016 at John Dolan School, commencing at 1:30 p.m.

The COC Webinar titled "Blue Phalaenopsis" by David Lafarge will be shown during the presentation portion of our meeting.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Presentation The Canadian Orchid Congress has a number of webinars available to member societies, including one presented by David Lafarge titled “*What Does Blue Mean in the World of Phalaenopsis?*”. David Lafarge studied plant biology, genetics and physiology at the University of Bordeaux, France. Graduate work focussed on grapevine diseases. He now works for the Mollat bookstore in Bordeaux, the largest independent French bookstore. He has published a number of articles for different journals, in French, English and German. Since 2012 David has been Editor of *L'Orchidophile*, the French Orchid Society Journal. He also published a book on the genus *Phalaenopsis*, available on eBook.

Problem corner If you have a plant that is looking ill, or strange or you'd like to discuss it for any reason, please feel free to bring it to the meeting and ask about it. The members attending will do their best to provide advice. This is an excellent way for the entire group to learn from the discussions generated. If you suspect the plant is infected with pests, or a disease, please place it inside a sealed bag so the other plants at the meeting aren't affected.

Show and Tell Members with flowering orchids are welcome to bring their plants to the meeting and put them on the show and tell table for others to enjoy. If you're comfortable telling the group what it is, where you obtained it, and how you grow and flower it, you're welcome! If you're not comfortable talking about it, ask one of the Executive members to speak for you! Every time



you bring plants to show and tell your name goes into a spring draw for a prize.

Plant sale Members are encouraged to bring plants to sell to other members attending the meeting. Please label the plants with the price and your initials; 10% of the sale will go to the society. If you're interested in purchasing a plant from the sale table you must provide Cheryl Grummet (at the front table) with your membership number (on your name tag). All numbers submitted will be drawn from a hat; when your number is called you may go to the table and choose one plant. After all submitted numbers have been called you are free to return to the plant sale table and select as many as you'd like. Payment can be made by cash or cheque to Cheryl at the front table.

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 to Sherida for making this possible!

Meeting Agenda:

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

November General Meeting - Informal Panel on Orchid Information on the Internet

Do you have some favourite sites on the internet that you use to gain more knowledge about orchids or to seek information on how to better grow your orchids? Are there sites that you use to find out how to deal with certain issues affecting your orchids? If so, would you be willing to sit on a panel at the November SOS Meeting to share this information? Please contact any member of the SOS Executive to volunteer for the panel.

Paphiopedilum henryanum ('Bear' SM/TPS x 'Bear-6') purchased from Ten Shin Orchids in 2013. Grows in a fine bark/perlite/sphagnum mix on an east facing windowsill; watered with rain water or tap water 1-2x weekly; fertilized with a variety of orchid fertilizers weekly during summer months, monthly during winter drier period. Tracey Thue.

SEPTEMBER 25 MEETING MINUTES

Recorded by Donna Carlson-O'Keefe

Announcements

Bob Lucas was away, so Vice-President Sherida Gregoire orchestrated the meeting, beginning with a welcome to all members and guests attending.

Terry Groszeibl from Forestview Gardens is the guest speaker today, talking about lighting and his growing operation. He has brought plants for sale, money to be paid directly to Terry. Sherida explained how the plant sale works, with member's numbers drawn so each person has a chance to choose that plant they really want! After all numbers are drawn, then the sale switches to a "first come, first served" format.

Memberships are presently on sale, \$25 for an individual, \$30 for a family membership.

Plants for today's raffle have been donated by the Market Mall Safeway, cared for and brought to the meeting by Sherida. There are some Miltonias and many Phalaenopsis plants. Tickets can be purchased at the Library table, 1 for \$1 or 3 for \$2.

Members are reminded that one of their membership privileges is a discount of 10% on the purchase of any orchid related merchandise at Early's Farm & Garden. You'll need to present your SOS membership card at the time of purchase.

Treats today were provided by Dave R., Becky J., Shirley K., Corinna B.-N., and Lori P. Donations for treats are to be put in the pink piggy at the treats table!

Resources (Pat Randall)

There is a good selection of supplies. The Saskatoon Horticultural Society has donated a variety of pots, which are free for the taking.

Library (Don Keith)

There are three new books, donated by Sherida.

Treats (Shirley Keith)

A sign-up sheet for volunteers to bring treats to the meeting of their choice will be circulated today. Three or four people are needed for each month.

Those who sign up will receive an email or phone call reminder one week in advance of the meeting. There is a draw for a prize in May from the names of everyone who brought treats during the year.

Website (Calvin Lo)

Calvin has been updating the website. It contains photos, newsletters, blogs, links to other organizations' websites. The SOS now has an Instagram account, with a link on the website. Calvin would appreciate feedback from members about the website.

Problem Corner None this month.

Show and Tell

Sixteen plants were shown by Pat Randall, Cheryl Adamson, Calvin Lo, Tracey Thue, Vicky Wiley, and Sherida Gregoire.

Break

Presentation: "Lighten Up!.....Your Orchids" by Terry Groszeibl, Forestview Gardens, Agassiz, BC.

Terry gave us an informative talk on artificial lights, entertaining us with his sense of humour and photos of his greenhouse and growing conditions at Forestview Gardens. Terry outlined his experience with T5 fluorescent lights, High Intensity Discharge (HID) lights and Light Emitting Diode (LED) lights. In his business of raising Paphiopedilum plants from flask to community pots to individual pots for sale, Terry grows almost exclusively under T5 fluorescent lights. He is experimenting with LED lights but isn't yet ready to make the switch from fluorescent.

Plant Raffle There were 51 plants donated by the Market Mall Safeway; all were claimed by those purchasing raffle tickets.

Plant Sale

Terry brought a large selection of plants to sell representing a number of genera, including Paphiopedilum, Phalaenopsis, Oncidium, and Dendrobium. Sales appeared to be good!

Adjournment Approx. 3:45 pm.



Gastrochilus retrochallus

SOS SEPTEMBER SHOW & TELL TABLE

Photos by Sara Thue



Aerangis kirkii
Grower: Calvin Lo



Brassolaeliocattleya (Blc) Golden Tang
[syn *Rhynchobrassoleya (Rby)*]
Grower: Pat Randall



Aerangis mystacidii
Grower: Calvin Lo



Coelogyne fimbriata
Grower: Calvin Lo



Phragmipedium schlimii 'Wilcox' AM/AOS
Grower: Cheryl Adamson
[Ed. note: Plants with this label are often Phrag
Cardinale 'Wilcox' AM/AOS; see more at [http://
canadianorchidcongress.ca/news/cocv051.html](http://canadianorchidcongress.ca/news/cocv051.html)]



Paphiopedilum helenae
Grower: Tracey Thue



Rhynchovola (Rcv) David Sander
(*Brassavola cucullata* x *Rhyncholaelia digbyana*)
Grower: Pat Randall



Phragmipedium Bel Royal
Grower: Sherida Gregoire



Bifrenaria vitellina
Grower: Tracey Thue



Dendrobium Green Lantern
Grower: Vicky Wiley



Galeandra baueri
Grower: Calvin Lo



Phragmipedium Belle Hogue Point
Grower: Cheryl Adamson



Phragmipedium lindleyanum
Grower: Cheryl Adamson



Brassolaeliocattleya (Blc) Village Chief
North [syn *Rhyncholaeliocattleya (Rlc)*]
Grower: Pat Randall

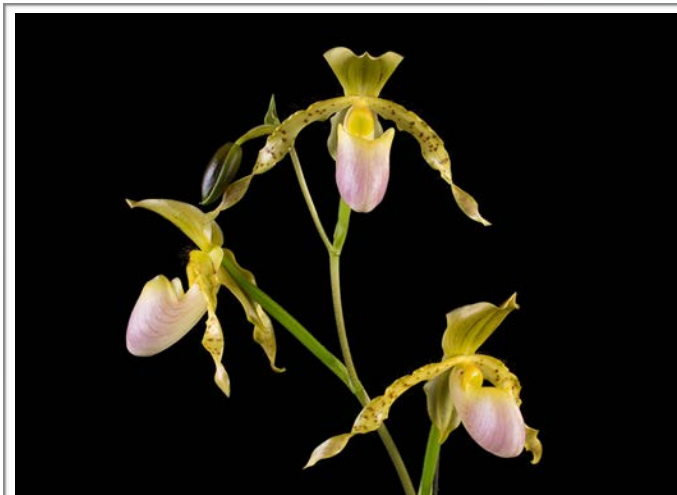


Paphiopedilum Berenice
(*lowii* x *philippinense* var *roebellini*)
Grower: Sherida Gregoire

AOS Pacific Northwest Judging Centre (Richmond) - CVIOS Show Judging Results Sept 30, 2016

Photography by Judith Higham & Ed Higham

Awards are provisional until paperwork and payment is processed by AOS and published in Orchid Plus

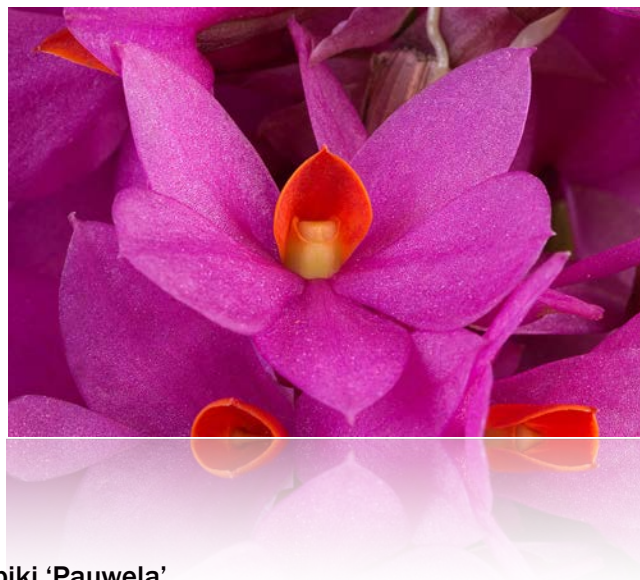


***Paphiopedilum* Imperial Jade 'Emmet'**

HCC/AOS 79pts

(*Paph stonei* x *Paph primulinum*)

Exhibitor: Donna McDonnell



***Dendrobium* Hibiki 'Pauwela'**

AM/AOS 81pts

(*Den bracteosum* x *Den laevifolium*)

Exhibitor: Diana Rowles



***Paphiopedilum* Harold Koopowitz 'Paramount's Simone Morin'**

HCC/AOS 77pts

(*Paph malipoense* x *Paph rothschildianum*)

Exhibitor: Paramount Orchids



***Phalaenopsis* Kingfisher's Dragon Wing 'Giant Star'**

HCC/AOS 76pts

(Phal John Ewing x Phal Dragon Tree Eagle)

Exhibitor: Pat van Adrichem | Kingfisher Orchids



AOS Show Trophy 'Memories of Mario'

ST/AOS 83pts

Exhibitor: Bryan Emery

What's in Bloom at the Muttart? September 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*

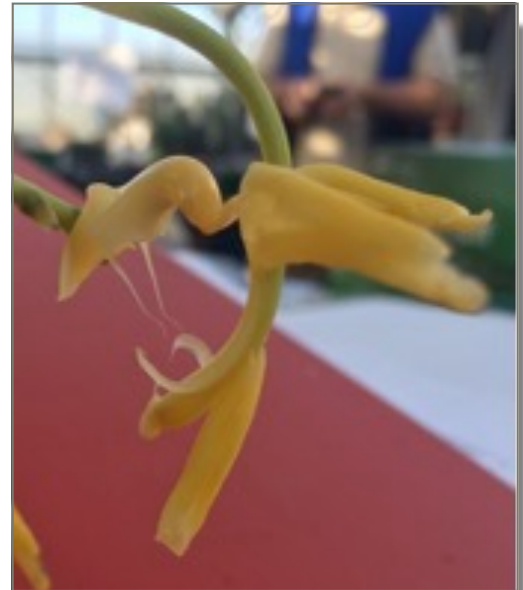
Gongora [Gga.] flaveola

The 76 species of this genus are spread from Mexico to Bolivia and Brazil. These plants have mostly pendant inflorescences so growing in a basket of some sort is required to allow them to emerge from the sides and bottom. They don't like to dry out so water and fertilize regularly and grow under intermediate to warm conditions. The genus is named after A. Caballero y Gongora, a viceroy of Columbia and Venezuela.

This is a medium sized epiphytic species found in mountain rain and cloud forests at 600-1800 m of southern Mexico.

Gongora flaveola, known as the Yellowish Gongora, is a medium-sized, warm growing epiphytic species found in Columbia.

This plant is grown on the west (sunnier) side of the hot house with high humidity. It is not known when the plant was obtained by the OSPF and has only recently been identified.



Gongora [Gga.] galeata

This is a medium sized epiphytic species found in mountain and cloud forests at 600-1800 m (1950-5900 ft) of southern Mexico.

Commonly known as the Helmut Gongora, it has short to long-lived flowers with a fragrance akin to oranges. It is an evergreen species requiring a semi dry rest in the winter and is suited for wire basket culture with wood bark and sphagnum moss.

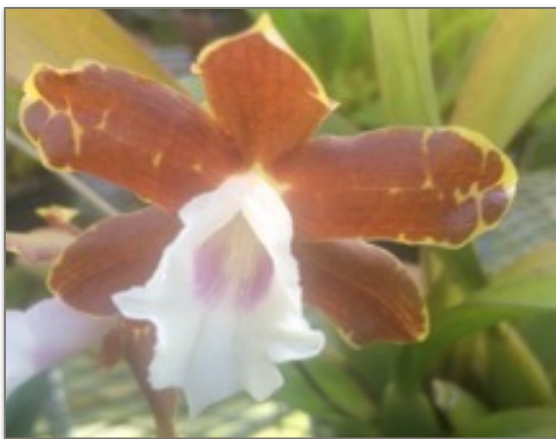
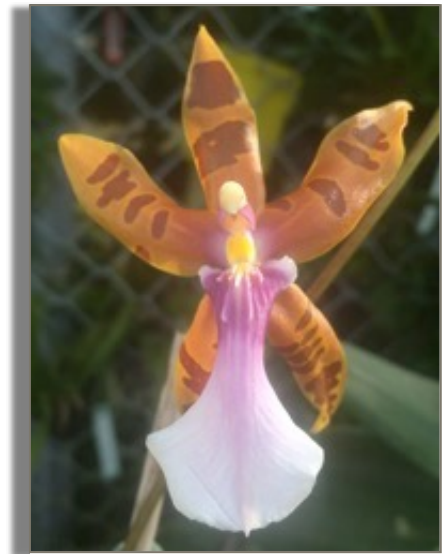
This plant was part of the 2005 Craig Cowie donation to the OSPF and it is also grown on the west (sunnier) side of the hot house.

Miltonia* [Milt.] *clowesii

There are 14 species and 7 naturally-occurring hybrids in this genus, which ranges through Brazil and into Peru. What is amazing is this relatively small number of species have generated over 2100 registered hybrids.

The genus is named after Lord Fitz William Milton who was an English orchid aficionado. This large sized epiphyte, named after the English orchid collector Clowes, is from Brazil at elevations around 800 m (2625 ft). The plant produces a long inflorescence that has 7 - 10 flowers that open in succession, flowering in the fall. The species requires even, well-watered conditions year around with bright light.

This particular specimen is grown on the west side of the intermediate house and is from the original donation that started the collection in 1991.



Miltonia* [Milt.] *candida

This species, commonly known as the Snow-White Miltonia (making reference to the lip), occurs in southeastern Brazil at elevations of 500 - 800 m (1640 - 2625 ft).

Plants produce 3 - 7 long-lasting, fragrant flowers carried on each inflorescence. Each waxy bloom is about 7.5 cm (3 in) across.

The plant is grown on the west side of the intermediate house.

Miltonia* [Milt.] *x bluntii

Commonly known as Blunt's Miltonia, who was an English orchid collector in the 1800s, this naturally occurring hybrid is found in southeastern Brazil. It is a hybrid between *Miltonia clowesii* (see above) and *Milt. spectabilis*.

This hybrid and the species grow in the Organ Mountains and the cooler mountains in the states of Espirito Santo, Rio de Janeiro and Minas Gerais. In Espirito Santo plants are found at about 800 m (2625 ft).

This plant is grown in our intermediate house on the west side.



Milt. spectabilis



Milt. x bluntii



***Gomesa* [Gom.] *cuneata* (Syn. *Oncidium truncatum*)**

This genus has been significantly expanded in recent year with many species being reclassified from the *Oncidium* genus.

The genus *Gomesa* is named for Dr. B.A. Gomes, a Portuguese botanist.

This species, often known as the Truncated *Oncidium*, was moved from the *Oncidium* genus in 2005. It is found in several states of Brazil at elevations of 1300 - 1800 m as a small, cool growing epiphyte producing many long-lasting, scentless flowers.

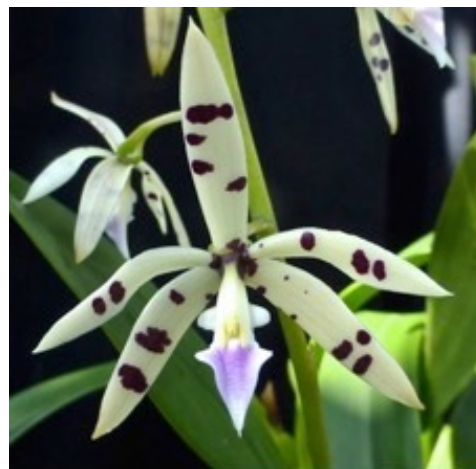
This plant is grown on the west side of the intermediate house.

Prosthechea* [Psh.] *prismatocarpa

There are at least 122 species found throughout all of tropical America. The genus name refers to the mid-tooth on the column. This is another genus that has been significantly expanded in recent years with many species being reclassified from the *Anacheilium* and *Panarica* genera.

Often known as the Prism-Shaped Seedpod *Panarica*, this species is found in Costa Rica and Panama in lower montane cloud forests on larger tree branches at elevations of 1200 - 3300 m.

This plant was part of the donation to the OSPF from Craig Cowie in 2005; it is grown on the west side of the intermediate house.



Stanhopea* [Stan.] *dodsoniana

Stanhopea species range from Mexico to Brazil and are hard to beat for size and beautifully odd complexity. There are 73 species that make up this genus, named for the Earl of Stanhope VP of the Royal Botanical Society of the early 1800s.

This species is commonly known as Dodson's *Stanhopea*, named for an American Botanist. It is found on the southwestern coast of Mexico in the states of Vera Cruz, Oaxaca and Chiapas in wet tropical rainforests and lower montane forests at elevations of 150 - 950 m.

Like many *Stanhopeas*, this species is very fragrant and is grown on the west side of the hot greenhouse.