

# NEWSLETTER



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**Future Meeting Dates:**

Saturday, May 26, 2018	Saturday, Sept 22, 2018
Saturday, Oct 27, 2018	Saturday, Nov 24, 2018

## SOS Executive

<b>President:</b>	Bob Lucas
<b>Vice-President:</b>	Sherida Gregoire
<b>Past President:</b>	Sherida Gregoire
<b>Secretary:</b>	Donna Carlson-O'Keefe
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Cheryl Grummett
<b>Social:</b>	Shirley Keith Lori Pozniak
<b>Plant Orders:</b>	Heather Anderson Cheryl Adamson
<b>Resources:</b>	Yvette Lyster Pat Randall
<b>Librarians:</b>	Debbie Huculiak Don Keith
<b>Newsletter:</b>	Tracey Thue
<b>COC/AOS Rep:</b>	Tom Kondra
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## April Meeting - Sunday, April 29, 2018

The general meeting will be held at  
**LUTHERCARE VILLAGE AT STONEBRIDGE,**  
beginning at 1:30 p.m.

The Annual Silent Auction and Executive Elections will take place during this meeting.



## Announcements Page

### Meeting Agenda:

Silent Auction  
Announcements  
Problem Corner  
Show and Tell

### BREAK:

Treats/Supplies/Library  
SOS Executive Election  
Awards Draws  
Adjournment

## SOS GENERAL MEETING SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 2018

### LUTHERCARE VILLAGE AT STONEBRIDGE

## 7TH ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION SOS FUNDRAISER

**BRING ORCHIDS AND ORCHID-RELATED ITEMS FOR THE AUCTION.  
THIS IS OUR MAIN FUNDRAISING EVENT OF THE YEAR AND IT'S  
OPEN TO ALL, INCLUDING NON-MEMBERS, SO INVITE FRIENDS  
AND FAMILY!**

**MEMBERS BRINGING ITEMS CAN SPECIFY THE PERCENTAGE OF  
THE SALE PRICE TO BE DONATED TO THE SOS, EITHER 50% OR  
100% OF THE SALE GOING TO THE SOCIETY.**

## Annual Award Draws

### The 7th Annual Wilma Nykiforuk Memorial Award

Sarah Nykiforuk, Wilma's sister, will select her favourite plant on this month's Show & Tell table and the owner of the chosen plant will receive an orchid.

### The Annual Show & Tell Draw

Names of members who brought plants to the meetings for Show & Tell during the last year will be placed into the draw, once for every month they brought plants. The winner of the draw must be at the April meeting and will receive an orchid.

### The Treats Volunteer Draw

In recognition of those generously volunteering to bring treats to our general meetings, your name will be entered into the draw for every month you brought treats. The winner of the draw must be at the April meeting and will receive an orchid.

## Nominations for SOS Executive 2018-19

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Facebook Page	Sara Thue
Member at Large	Lynn Campbell

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### **Cordelia Head will be visiting us in May from J & L Orchids in Connecticut!**

Cordelia will be speaking on growing miniature orchids in the home. A plant list for pre-orders is on the SOS website; pre-orders are due Tuesday, May 15th. Email your order to Heather at [heather.jane.anderson@gmail.com](mailto:heather.jane.anderson@gmail.com) or Cheryl at [orchidcrazycheryl@gmail.com](mailto:orchidcrazycheryl@gmail.com). We'll be receiving a 5% discount from J&L. If there's something you don't see on the list, contact Heather or Cheryl and they'll make inquiries. Happy Shopping!

<https://jlorchids.com/>

### **New AOS Search Engine for Orchids Magazine Articles**

The AOS has a new digital archive, allowing searches for articles published between 2003 - 2009 and 2011 - 2018.

If there's a topic you're interested in, send our Librarian Deb a request ahead of time, she'll search the archive, find the titles and dates, and pull the relevant magazines from our library and have them ready for you to sign out at the meeting!

### **Orchids in Your Backyard**

Check out the article written by Tom Shields, Canadian Orchid Congress Conservation Officer. Here's the link to the article on the COC website.

[http://canadianorchidcongress.ca/conservation/  
orchids-in-your-backyard/](http://canadianorchidcongress.ca/conservation/orchids-in-your-backyard/)

There are links to other orchid conservation sites on the same page, including one to the North American Orchid Conservation Centre - with a new gallery from Newfoundland!

## March General Meeting Potting Demonstrations



Tracey mounting an  
*Ornithochilus difformis*



Cheryl & Pat dividing a large  
*Cattleya maxima* var. *coerulea*



Bob divided and repotted a  
*Phragmipedium* Ruby Slippers



## MARCH MEETING MINUTES

Recorded by Valerie Martz

### Announcements

Bob Lucas, President, welcomed everyone to the meeting. There was one new member attending.

There are plants for our raffle, donated by the Co-op. Tickets are 1 for \$1 or 3 for \$2, available at the table at the back.

The Executive will decide after this meeting the location of future meetings., i.e. either LutherCare Village or John Dolan School. Members will need to check the next newsletter or the SOS website for the location of the April meeting.

The next meeting will be the AGM and Silent Auction to be held on April 22, at which time the 2018-2019 elections for the Executive will be held. The silent auction is a major fund raiser for the SOS. Members may bring orchids and orchid related material for the auction. They may designate that 100% or 50% of the proceeds go to the SOS. Family and friends are invited to attend as well. There will be a regular "Show & Tell" as well.

Gardenscape will be March 23-25. Volunteer passes are available for pick up today. The SOS booth is in Hall D-E, near the north end of the building. Those bringing plants are to drop them off on Thursday, March 22, 3:30 - 5:30pm. Plants should be groomed and staked, and the owner's name put on the bottom of the pot. Plants can be picked up after the show, between 5:00 and 5:30pm on Sunday.

The SOS will be participating in the Orchid Society of Alberta Show held on April 6-8. Information about pre-orders from vendors is available in the March newsletter. The plant registrations need to be submitted by March 31 so send information to Bob Lucas by March 30, including plant name, parentage and class in which it's to be entered. Ask Bob if you have any questions about registration. If you're unsure about whether or not a plant will be ready for the show include it in your list; it's easier to remove it from the list than to add it later. All plants to be submitted to the show must travel with

Bob due to space limitations for the return trip. Plants are to be dropped off at Bob's house, 519 Mendel Terrace, on April 4 from 6:30 - 8:30pm. Pickup is on April 9 from 6:30 - 8:30pm.

Pat Randall reported that the resource table will have available Orchiata bark, possibly by the April meeting. It is produced from New Zealand *Pinus radiata* bark, and has been made available recently in Canada. The bark is pH balanced by a lime bath prior to packaging and no pre-treatment is required before potting. The bark lasts about 3 years, so one does not need to repot as frequently.

Treats today were provided by Cheryl Grummett, Marge Kowalchuk, Pat Randall and Mercedes Montgomery. Coffee will not be available today, but water and pop is available.

### Problem Corner

None this month.

### Show and Tell

Sixteen plants were shown by Tracey Thue, Colleen Hobday, Merle Ward, Calvin Lo, Tom Kondra, Cheryl Adamson, Pat Randall, and Bob Lucas.

### Break

### Presentation

Potting demonstrations included:

Cheryl Adamson repotted a *Cattleya maxima* var. *coerulea*,

Tracey Thue mounted an *Ornithochilus difformis*,

Bob Lucas repotted a *Phragmipedium* Ruby Slipper.

### Plant Sale

Two plants were on the table and both sold.

### Plant Raffle

The Co-op donated 16 plants and all were claimed.

### Adjournment

Approximately 2:55pm



MARCH SOS SHOW & TELL TABLE

Photos by Sara Thue



*Paphiopedilum lowii*  
(‘Gigantic’ x ‘Albino Beauty’ var. alba)  
Grower: Bob Lucas



*Cymbidium*  
Grower: Colleen Hobday



*Cattleya lueddemanniana*  
Grower: Pat Randall



*Ancistrochilus rothschildianum*  
Grower: Calvin Lo



*Paphiopedilum Kiryn*  
(*Paph. armeniacum* x *leucochilum*)  
Grower: Bob Lucas



*Paphiopedilum Fairburn* x *Vale* ‘Grande’  
Grower: Tracey Thue



*Dendrobium kingianum*  
Grower: Pat Randall



*Phragmipedium Cranke Maybrooke*  
Grower: Colleen Hobday





*Dendrobium trigonopus*  
Grown by Merle Ward



*Paphiopedilum Fairly Galaxy*  
Grower: Tracey Thue



*Cattleya Orlade's Grand 'Yu-Chang Beauty'* AM/AOS  
Grown by Pat Randall



*Cymbidium*  
Grower: Colleen Hobday



*Angraecum germinianum*  
Grower: Calvin Lo



*Dendrobium aggregatum*  
Grower: Cheryl Adamson



*Masdevallia xanthina*  
Grower: Tom Kondra



*Dendrobium tetragonum*  
Grower: Tom Kondra

To to all who played a role in the SOS participating in the OSA show - THANK YOU! Our Society's display had just under 26 plants, sent by a generous group of members. Thanks to Bob for hauling the plants & display pieces to St. Albert and setting up the display, assisted by Sara and Tracey. Thanks to Don and Shirley for waiting until the very end of the show Sunday afternoon, taking the display apart, packing up plants and driving them home to Saskatoon! Thanks to Heather and Cheryl for picking up pre-ordered plants from OSA show vendors, making them available to members unable to attend the show!



## The SOS at the OSA Show

SOS Display  
Winner of Best Display  
by a visiting society



Terry Letendre's display  
COC Show Award: Most diverse display of orchid  
flowers and orchid plants





Darrell Albert's Display  
Winner of OSPF Trophy: Best display of species orchids (diversity & quality)



Paul Paludet's display "Life's Next Level"  
OSA Trophy: Most outstanding exhibit;  
AOS Show Trophy  
AOS Silver Certificate (85pts)





*Ornithocephalus bicornis*  
Best Mounted Orchid  
Grower: Tom de Boer, OSA



*Epidendrum Miracle Valley Waipio*  
Best Cattleya Alliance  
Grower: Paul Paludet, OSA



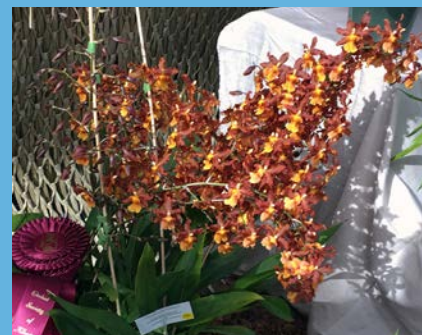
*Dendrobium (Andree Millar x Wonder Nishii)*  
Best Dendrobium Alliance  
Grower: Darryl Albert, OSA



*Phragmipedium caudatum*  
Best Phragmipedium Alliance  
Grower: Terry Letendre, OSA



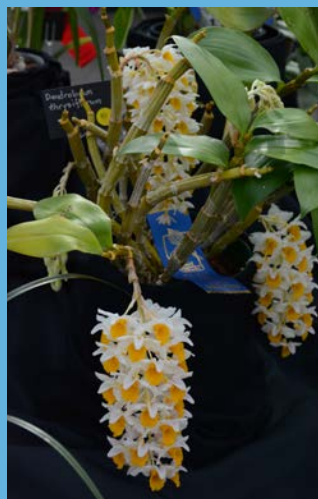
*Cattleya schroederae*  
Best Artificial light grown plant  
Grower: Pat Randall, SOS



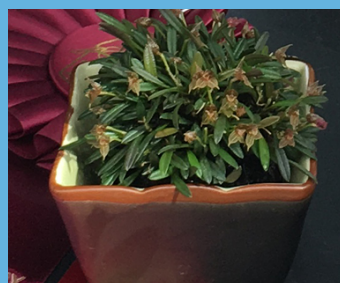
*Oncostele Catatante*  
Best Oncdidium Alliance  
Grower: OSPF



*Cyclopogon lindleyanus 'Silver Screen'*  
Best Other Alliance  
Grower: Darryl Albert, OSA



*Dendrobium thrysiflorum*  
Best Windowsill grown plant  
Grower: Mike Shoup, FOS



*Dryadella simula*  
Best Miniature under 6"  
Grower: Tracey Thue, SOS



*Masdevallia princeps*  
Best Pleurothallid Alliance  
Grower: Terry Letendre, OSA