

NEWSLETTER



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Future Meeting Dates:

Sunday, Apr 22, 2018

Saturday, May 26, 2018 (to be confirmed)

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March Meeting - Sunday, March 18, 2018

The general meeting will be held on **SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 2018 AT LUTHERCARE VILLAGE AT STONEBRIDGE**, 250 Hunter Road, beginning at 1:30 p.m.

The Presentation portion of the meeting will include potting demonstrations led by members of the SOS Executive.



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SOS GENERAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 2018

LUTHERCARE VILLAGE AT STONEBRIDGE

THE EXECUTIVE WANT TO TEST THIS VENUE AGAIN, ASSESSING SPACE CONFIGURATIONS WITH THIS MEETING AGENDA.

POTTING DEMONSTRATIONS OF VARIOUS GENERA WILL BE PRESENTED BY MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE.

Plant Sale Table

Members are welcome to bring plants to sell to fellow SOS members at the meeting this month.

PLANT PRE-ORDERS

Ten Shin Gardens, Ching Hua Orchids

Ten Shin and Ching Hua will be attending the Orchid Society of Alberta show in April. Cheryl and Heather are taking pre-orders from SOS members. The plant lists are on the SOS website.

Pre-order deadline is Wednesday, March 21.

Please email your orders to Heather at heather.jane.anderson@gmail.com or Cheryl at orchidcrazycheryl@gmail.com

Heather and Cheryl will organize pick up of the pre-ordered plants at the show and transport back to Saskatoon. Pickup details to follow.



Coelogyne marmorata
Photo by Sara Thue

April Meeting - Silent Auction

Our annual fundraiser is coming up quickly. Are there any plants in your collection that, try as you might, you can't get into flower, or that have flowered regularly and you're now ready to give them a new home? Do you have any orchid related items gathering dust? These can all be entered into the silent auction!

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SOS DISPLAY AT GARDENScape

LOCATION: Booth 715, near the north end of Hall D/E between the wine garden and art show and sale.

SETUP: Thursday, March 22 between 3:30pm and 5:30 pm. Plants for the display may be dropped off during this window. Please clean up and stake plants and place your name on the bottom of the pots.

PLANT PICKUP: Sunday, March 25, between 5 and 5:30pm.

DAY PASSES FOR VOLUNTEERS: will be distributed at the March 18 general meeting and during the setup on Thursday, March 22. If you cannot attend either of these events, please arrange for someone else to pick up your pass.



Laelia purpurata var. striata

41st ANNUAL ORCHID FAIR

Hosted by the Orchid Society of Alberta

April 6-8, 2018

Enjoy Centre, St. Albert, Alberta

The SOS is entering a display in the OSA Show.

REGISTRATION: The plant registration deadline is March 31, so Bob Lucas will need a list of plants you intend to register by March 30th. Information should include the plant name, parentage, and classes in which it is to be entered.

DISPLAY PLANTS TO EDMONTON: Plants may be dropped off at Bob's, 519 Mendel Terrace on Wednesday, April 4 between 6:30 and 8:30pm. No plants will be entered in the display unless they are transported by Bob, as this is the only way to ensure there is enough room in the van to bring plants back to Saskatoon. Display plants may be picked up at Bob's on Monday, April 9 between 6:30 and 8:30pm.

For more information about the Alberta show, visit the OSA website <https://orchidsalberta.wildapricot.org>

FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

Recorded by Donna Carlson-O'Keefe

Announcements

Bob Lucas, President, welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were no guests or new members attending.

Feedback was requested regarding moving our meetings to LutherCare Village. The executive will decide whether to move to LutherCare Village or remain at John Dolan School; the decision will be announced in the March newsletter. Comments and concerns from members included:

- Someone is needed at the door to let people in if they go outside during the meeting or arrive late
- Is there space to store our materials: Yes, in the parking garage in the basement
- What is the cost? Nothing right now; we pay the school board \$1800 per year for use of the John Dolan gym
- It seems a bit small
- Will there be enough parking? There are 20 visitor stalls; on a recent Sunday, only two stalls were being used. If visitor parking is full, there is parking on the street.

The Executive is requested to remain after the general meeting for a short Executive meeting.

Memberships for 2017-18 are presently on sale, at a prorated cost for new members, but regular cost for renewals.

Plant raffle: plants are donated by the Co-op. Tickets are 1/\$1, 3/\$2, available at the library table.

There are plants for sale on the sale table. Leave your numbers or names at the front table.

Our March meeting will be held on March 18, to accommodate Gardenscape, which will be March 23 - 25.

We will need plants and volunteers for Gardenscape. A sign-up sheet for volunteers is being circulated. Volunteers get a day pass for the show, and the passes will be distributed at the March meeting or when plants are being dropped off. Plants for the display can be dropped off on Thursday, March

22, 3:30 - 6:00pm. They 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, March 25. There will be more information on location, etc. at the March meeting.

We are looking for members to volunteer for the executive. If you are interested, see Bob or another executive member as soon as you can. Elections will be held in April.

The Orchid Society of Alberta show is April 7-9, and we will be participating by entering a society display. More details to come.

Ecuagenera will be at the Edmonton show, and we are combining an order with the Orchid Species Preservation Foundation (OSPF) to maximize the discount. Plants will be delivered to Edmonton and someone from the SOS will bring them back. The Ecuagenera plant list is on our website, and orders should be sent to Heather Anderson. The deadline for orders is March 5.

Ten Shin and Ching Hua will also be attending the Edmonton show and we will be placing orders with them also. The deadline for these vendors is March 23, although we don't yet have the plant lists.

Treats today were provided by Claire Bullaro, Ruth and Bernie Zuk and Lori Pozniak. There is an urgent need for more people to volunteer to bring treats for future meetings.

Problem Corner

None this month.

Show and Tell

Twenty-one plants were shown by Deb Huculiak, Vicky Wiley, Calvin Lo, Merle Ward, Heather Anderson, James Wood, Lynn Campbell, Yvette Lyster, Gerald Pitka, Tracey Thue and Bob Lucas.

There was a discussion about lights. Brad's Greenhouse recommends changing fluorescent bulbs every two years, and he marks his bulbs with marker on the day he changes them. Packaging with the T5 bulbs recommends changing every 3 years. Although bulbs may appear to be working, there is a loss of parts of the spectrum necessary for optimal plant growth.

Break



Presentation

Heather Anderson, speaking on *The Bid Process for a World Orchid Conference and the 207 WOC in Ecuador.*

Following is a copy of Heather's presentation, with a few added details.

Bid Process for Hosting a WOC

Some of you will be aware that a Committee was formed in 2016 to put a bid together to have Edmonton host the WOC in 2023. This application must be submitted to the WOC Trustees 6 years prior to the event. The Bid Committee was comprised of 2 American Orchid Society judges from Vancouver, 1 representative from the Foothills Orchid Society, 4 representatives from the Orchid Species Preservation Foundation, 4 representatives from the Orchid Society of Alberta, a representative of the Edmonton Horticultural Society, myself from Saskatchewan, and a couple of individuals from Buksa, an Edmonton conference planning organization. The Committee was chaired by Dave Nixon, the President of the OSPF. We met monthly to discuss everything from budget development to how CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora) and Phyto (Phytosanitary Certification) would be handled. We reviewed information from other WOCs, selected a site in Edmonton, approached all the orchid societies in Canada and in northwest US, a number of horticultural societies, and local, provincial and federal government departments for letters of support, and at the end of the day we had over 30 letters of support.

The bid was a document of over 60 pages and was submitted to the WOC Trustees in September 2017. Two representatives from the American Orchid Society and 2 from the Royal Horticultural Society form the WOC Trustees. Those of us who attended the OSPF 25th Anniversary in Edmonton in August 2016 had the opportunity to meet one of the trustees, Sandra Tillisch Svoboda from California. Dave Nixon and Barry Storeshaw were the two Committee members who travelled to the Ecuador WOC in November to give the pitch for Edmonton to host the 2023 WOC. Eleven delegates were selected to listen to the presentations and make a recommendation to the Trustees. The presentations were to be limited to 30 minutes, with the last 10 minutes reserved for questions. The pitches were scheduled for November 11th starting at 8:30 a.m., in the following order: Colombia, Italy, Malaysia,

Edmonton, Perth and Sydney. A vote was held mid afternoon and the 2023 WOC was awarded to Perth, Australia. There was a strong feeling that Edmonton may have come second. It was disappointing that Edmonton was not selected. A lot of work went into the presentation and personally I thought the material in the Bid document was well done.

The 2020 WOC will be held in Taiwan.

Heather showed several slides taken by Dave Nixon at the 2017 WOC in Guayaquil, Ecuador, and at the Ecuagenera compound and greenhouses in Ecuador.

The WOC site was the old airport building which is now called the Guayaquil Simon Bolivar Convention Centre. There were some excellent exhibits from South America, Asia and Germany, and a small display from Australia. There were no interactive displays, and no exhibits from the U.S. Numerous vendors were in attendance, with a variety of plants for sale. There were also various lectures that people could attend.



Heather shared photos that she took in January at H & R Nurseries near Honolulu, Hawaii. There were pictures of the greenhouses, and a photo of Roy Tokunaga, one of the owners, holding his namesake plant which sells for \$5 in a 2" pot and \$18 in a 3.5" pot.

Roy Tokunaga is tentatively planning a speaking tour of the three Western Canadian orchid societies in September 2019.

Heather showed pictures plants at the greenhouse that caught her eye, including a *Den. Thomas Warne* (\$6 in a 2" pot), an *S/c. Fire Magic*, and a *Den. SOOS Celebrates 50* (pictured here), which Tracey had ordered. The Southern Ontario Orchid Society had asked H&R to name a cross for them to honour their 50th Anniversary, and this was the plant chosen. Heather suggested perhaps we should request that they name a cross in honour of the SOS's 35th anniversary.

Heather's presentation concluded with a picture of *Den. toressae* 'Emily's Magnifico' CBR/AOS (certificate of botanical recognition), an Australian species offered for sale at H&R Nurseries.

Plant Sale

There were 15 plants on the sale table and all but 3 sold.

Plant Raffle

The Co-op donated 23 plants and all were claimed.

Adjournment

Approximately 2:50pm.

FEBRUARY SOS SHOW & TELL TABLE

Photos by Sara Thue



Dendrobium Stardust
'Chiyomi'
(*Den. unicum* x *Den. Ukon*)
Grower: Lynn Campbell



Cattlianthe (Ctt.) Little Hazel 'M'
(Ctt. Hazel Boyd x C. Psyche)
Grower: Merle Ward



Maxillaria tenuifolia 'Diane'
Grower: Merle Ward



Phalaenopsis
Grower: Vickey Wiley

Lockhartia parthenocomos
Grower: Heather Anderson



Paphiopedilum Memoria Larry Heuer
(*Paph. malipoense* x *emersonii*)
Grower: Yvette Lyster

Phalaenopsis Cool Cat 'WOW'
Bred and grown by Bob Lucas





Pleurothallis canaligera
Grower: Sara Thue



Cattlianthe Doris and Byron
'Christmas Rose'
Grown by Merle Ward



Phalaenopsis
Grown by Gerald Pitka



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



Phalaenopsis
Grower: Merle Ward



Rhyncholaeliocattleya (Rlc.)
Village Chief North
Grower: Vicky Wiley



Haraella retrocalla
Grower: Heather Anderson



Coelogyne flaccida
Grower: Calvin Lo



Leptotes bicolor 4N
Grower: Yvette Lyster



Paphiopedilum Sue Worth
(*Paph sukhakulii* x *charlesworthii*)
Grower: James Wood



Dendrobium cerinum
Grower: Deb Huculiak



Microterangis hariotiana 'Trixie'
Grower: Heather Anderson



Paphiopedilum rothschildianum
(*'Song Thrush'* x *'Blackbird'*)
Grower: Heather Anderson



Dendrobium Guo Red
(*Den. Lady Colman* x *Happy Lady*)
Grower: Yvette Lyster

What's Blooming in the OSPF Collection?

Orchid Species Preservation Foundation <http://orchidspecies.ca>

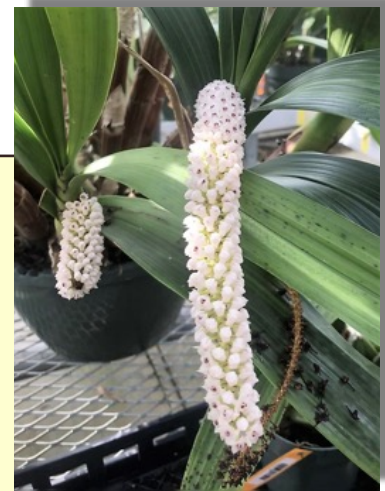
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Oncidium [Onc.] *maculatum*

"The Spotted Oncidium" is found in Mexico, Guatemala and Honduras in lower wet montane forests as a medium-sized, cool growing epiphyte growing at elevations of 1100 to 2000 meters. It blooms in the winter through early summer on an erect inflorescence that can reach 3 - 4 feet long. The inflorescence can hold many long-lasting glossy, fragrant flowers. They are extremely variable and their structure often approximates that of *Odontoglossum* blossoms.



Pinalia [Pina.] *floribunda*

The *Pinalia* is a genus recently formed (2005), mainly from species formerly classified in the *Eria* and *Trichosia* genera, although a few species from *Eriodes*, *Phreatia* and *Bryobium* genera were also added to *Pinalia*, for a total of 111 distinct species. Many of the species have been described within the last ten years. About 10% of the genera are temperate growing plants in China, Hainan, Tibet and Taiwan. The rest are tropical plants ranging from the Indian subcontinent, Indo-China, Malaysia, to Northern Australia and into the Pacific.

This particular species, commonly known as "the Floriferous Eria" is found in Myanmar, peninsular Thailand, Vietnam, the Malaysian peninsula, Sumatra, Java, Borneo and the Philippines. It grows mainly as an epiphyte on large trees along streams at elevations of 500 to 2400m, in primary montane forests. The plants produce 3-5 inflorescences from the upper half of a recently matured stem. The flowers last for about one week and produce a sweet nectar from the base of the lip, with a brackish scent.

As an aside, in November 2012 a small clump of this orchid was found among the debris of a fallen tree in Bukit Timah Nature Reserve near Singapore. This caused much excitement as the last reported sighting of this species in the area was 125 years ago and it was believed to have been extinct on the southern tip of the Malaysian peninsula. In 2016 a large clump about 90cm in diameter was sighted growing on a tall tree some 20m above the ground, deep within the Nee Soon swamp forest. A portion of the plant was collected for propagation and future reintroduction. This species is thus documented as a rediscovery and considered a nationally Critically Endangered species owing to its rarity in the area.





Pelexia [Pel.] olivacea

There are approximately 88 species in this terrestrial genus occurring throughout tropical America. The species are commonly known as “the Helmut Orchid” due to the shape of the column.

This species, “The Olive Green Pelexia” is found in wet montane forests of Mexico, Belize, Guatemala, Venezuela, Colombia and Ecuador. It is a small sized, warm to cool growing terrestrial.

Purchased from Ecuagenera in 2017, this plant is grown in the shade and high humidity in the hot greenhouse.

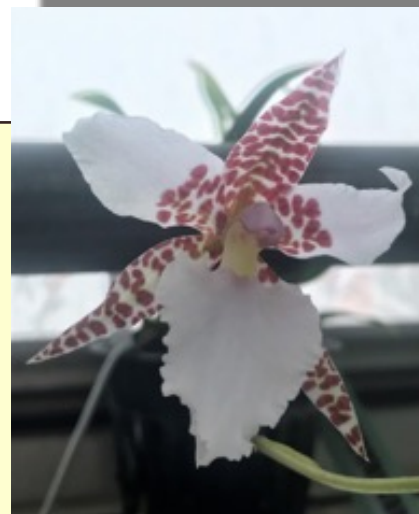
Rhynchostele [Rst.] rossii

Nineteen species make up this genus that has been segregated from the *Odontoglossums* and were formerly referred to as *Lemboglossum*. The genus name refers to the extended rostellum which is beak-like.

Rst. rossii is named after the English orchid collector Ross, who was working in Mexico in the 1800s.

This is a cold to cool growing miniature epiphytic species from the humid mixed cloud forests of Nicaragua, Honduras, Salvador, Guatemala and Mexico. It grows on trees at elevations of 2000-3000m. The evergreen plants need even, regular watering and fertilizer throughout the year, medium shade and cool temperatures in the summer.

Purchased from Ecuagenera in 2017, the plant is grown in indirect bright light in our intermediate house.



Cyrtochilum [Cyr.] meirax

“The Enchanting *Cyrtochilum*” is a small-sized, warm to cool growing epiphyte growing at elevations of 600 - 2000m in humid forests of the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, the Leeward Islands, Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru. Plants produce an 8-inch long inflorescence that carries several long-lasting flowers that open in succession.

Purchased from Ecuagenera in 2017, the plant is grown in dappled light in our intermediate greenhouse.