

# NEWSLETTER



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## Future Meeting Dates:

Saturday, Mar 21, 2020   Saturday, Apr 25, 2020  
Saturday, May 23, 2020   Saturday, Sep 26, 2020  
Saturday, Oct 24, 2020   Saturday, Nov 21, 2020

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## February Meeting - Saturday, Feb 22, 2020

The general meeting will be held at Elim Church, classrooms 7 & 8,  
beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Our guest is Tom Mirenda from Hawaii, speaking about orchid  
pollination.

*Image from [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ophrys\\_apifera](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ophrys_apifera)*



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Meeting Agenda:

Announcements

Problem Corner

Show & Tell

*BREAK:*

*Treats/Supplies/Library*

Presentation - Tom Mirenda

50:50 Draw

Plant Sale - OSPF

Plant Sale - Member's plants

Plant Raffle

Adjournment

## SOS General Meeting

Beginning at 1:30pm Saturday, Feb 22, 2020

Elim Church, 419 Slimmon Road, Saskatoon

Entrance B, Classrooms 7&8

*Guests are always welcome!*

Guest Speaker: Tom Mirenda

"The Mysteries of Orchid Pollination"

*Adaptations orchids have developed as pollination strategies, including food, brood site, pollen, and mating deceptions, pseudo-copulation, co-evolution with pollinators, and other methods of species isolation.*

## SOS Members' Plant Sale

Members are welcome to bring orchids or orchid-related items to sell to other members of the society.

Attach a piece of tape to the pot with your name or initials, and asking price.

10% of the sale goes to the SOS.

## Introducing Tom Mirenda

Tom Mirenda has been growing orchids professionally for over 3 decades. He has travelled the world to find both wild and cultivated orchids. He contributes two columns monthly for the AOS Orchids magazine and has recently co-authored "The Book of Orchids" with collaborators from Kew, UK. Tom curated the orchid collection at the Smithsonian for 17 years as their Orchid Collection Specialist, producing annual educational exhibits for millions of visitors. Currently Tom is the Co-director of Hawaii Tropical Botanical Garden on Hawaii Island.

### Problem Corner:

Do you have an orchid that seems to be struggling? Do you have a question about your growing conditions? Bring your problem plant and your questions forward now, and as a group we'll make suggestions for you to try!

*If you think your plant is sick or has bugs, please place it in a bag to isolate it from the other plants at the meeting.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Volunteer needed to host our May speaker!

Glen Decker from Piping Rock Orchids will be our guest speaker May 23, 2020. If you are interested in billeting him please contact Heather Anderson.

### PRE-ORDERED PLANTS:

Tom Mirenda had hoped to bring pre-ordered plants to Canada from 4 different Hawaiian growers, but unfortunately it proved more difficult than anticipated. He will not be bringing plants with him when he visits the SOS.

I am sorry for disappointing SOS members who placed pre-orders. If it is any consolation Tom had wanted to take orchids back to Hawaii from Canada but he won't be able to do that either on this visit.

Heather Anderson

### Orchid Species Preservation Foundation Plant Sale

Dave Nixon has generously offered to bring a selection of plants from the OSPF for our plant sale table.

### Gardenscape March 27 - 29, 2020

The SOS is entering a display at Gardenscape, Prairieland Park, Saskatoon.

Deb and Kathryn are setting up the display again this year and they need flowering orchids! If you have a plant in flower, please make it look as good as it can be by giving it a wash to remove any water spots or pests. Attach your name to the pot and bring it to Prairieland Park Thursday, March 26 5:00-6:00pm (to be confirmed) and pickup is Sunday, March 29 at 5:00pm. More details will be announced.

A volunteer list will be circulated at the February general meeting; please consider volunteering to sit at our display for 2-hour or

3-hour shifts, talking with interested Gardenscape visitors about the Society and about orchid growing. You don't have to be an experienced grower! Volunteers are given a free pass to Gardenscape for the day of their shift.

### A Look Ahead to Future SOS Meetings

Mar 2020 - Phragmipedium webinar, continued  
Apr 2020 - Silent Auction Fundraiser  
May 2020 - Glen Decker, Piping Rock Orchids  
Sep 2020 - Sam Tsui, Orchid Inn  
Oct 2020 - Alan Koch, Gold Country Orchids

## JANUARY MEETING MINUTES

Recorded by Valerie Martz

### Announcements

Tracey Thue, President, welcomed members and guests to the meeting. There were two new members, David and Christian Schwinghamer.

There are 5 raffle plants donated by Save-On-Foods, 2 by Jen Burgess, and 1 by Bob Lucas. Tickets are \$1 each or three for \$2, available at the library table.

There are plants available for sale on the member's sale table. If you are interested in buying any, leave your membership number at the treasurer's table.

Gabriele is selling 50:50 tickets, ten tickets for \$5. The winner takes 50% of the proceeds, 50% to the Society to help offset costs of the meetings.

Our guest speaker today is **Terry Groszeibl from Forestview Gardens.**

Terry has plants for sale and pre-ordered plants; please pick these up any time during the meeting. Dave Nixon from Orchid Species Preservation Foundation is visiting us today too, acting as driver for Terry. Dave extended an invitation to members to tour the OSPF collection and greenhouse when visiting Edmonton. Send an email request to Dave a week in advance. ([ospf@orchidspecies.ca](mailto:ospf@orchidspecies.ca)). Thank you to Bob Lucas for hosting Terry and Dave.

**Gardenscape** will be held March 27 - 29, 2020 at Prairieland Park, Saskatoon. Deb and Kathryn are organizing the display. Plants in bloom are needed for the display, which will be set up Thursday, March 26. Details to follow. A signup sheet is being circulated today and at the February meeting for volunteers to

work 2 or 3 hour shifts at our display. Volunteers will receive a free entrance pass to Gardenscape. Passes will be distributed at the March meeting or at the display set up.

The Society is looking for someone to take over the position of Secretary. If you are interested, please contact Donna, Tracey or any of the Executive for more information.



SOS meeting Jan 2020

Guest speaker Terry Groszeibl

Treats today were brought by Rebecca Gatto and Don Keith.

**From the Library:** Deb reminded members to fill out the card found on the sleeve on the front or back of the resource material when borrowing from the library. Hand the cards to Deb or Kathryn. Month and year is sufficient for the date.

**Problem Corner:** A member brought a *Phalaenopsis* plant to show. New leaves growing differently from the main part of the plant turned out to be a keiki which is now blooming, albeit with small flowers. Bob Lucas commented that the keiki will draw energy from the main plant.

Another member brought a *Masdevallia* showing yellowing of leaves but it otherwise appears health and has bloomed. It was reported June 2018. Other *Masdevallias* are grown in the same conditions, but don't have the same yellowing leaves. Terry Groszeibl commented that as long as the new growth was healthy it was OK, and the yellowing of leaves was likely due to natural aging. Heat stress may also cause the yellowing and if the yellow leaves are all on one side it may be a light level issue. It doesn't look like disease. He recommended isolating the plant, watching for new growth and reassessing growing conditions. Another member has observed yellowing and dropping of leaves with *Masdevallia* too.





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## JANUARY MEETING MINUTES, CONT.

### **Presentation**

Terry Groszeibl of Forestview Gardens, Agassiz, BC, gave a talk on Integrated Pest Management (IPM) for Orchids.

### **Break**

**Show and Tell** Thirteen plants were shown by Sherida Gregoire, Bob Lucas, Merle Ward, Heather Anderson, and Pat Randall.

**Member's plant sale:** Nine plants were available, 6 sold.

**Plant Raffle** All plants were claimed.

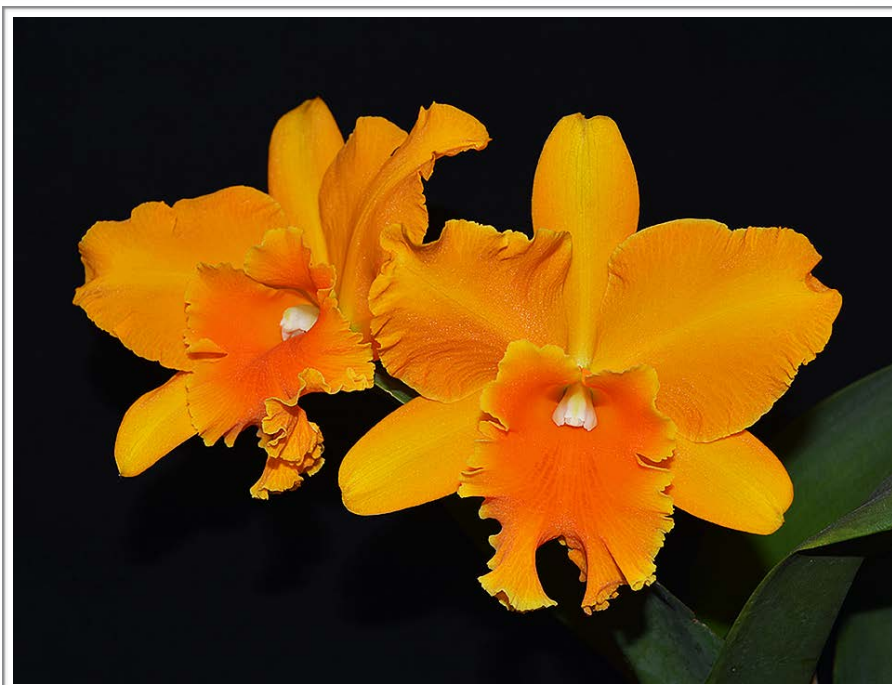
**50/50 Draw:** Don Keith won \$60.

**Adjournment:** Approximately 3:30pm

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## JANUARY SHOW & TELL TABLE

Photos by Sara Thue



*Rhyncattleanthe* Haw Yuan Gold 'Yung Kang #2' GC/WOC'99  
(*Cattlianthe* Hazel Boyd x *Rhyncholaeliocattleya* Golden Slippers)  
Grower: Sherida Gregoire

Editor's note: The colour of these flowers was incredible! It drew people to the show & tell table. The original plant, exhibited by Orchis Floriculturing Inc., Taiwan, was awarded Grand Champion at the 1999 World Orchid Congress held in Vancouver, BC. Divisions and meristems of this awarded plant are sold as Haw Yuan Gold 'YK#2' or Haw Yuan Gold 'Y2K'. This cultivar has also been awarded an FCC/RHS. According to one source Haw Yuan is the breeder's nursery name meaning luxury garden and Yung Kang was a city in southern Taiwan meaning forever health. The number 2 is a code. (Yongkang merged with and became a district of Tainan City in 2010; Wikipedia).

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*Rhyncattleanthe* Young-Min Orange  
(*Rhyncattlianthe* Viola Nuggett x *Cattlianthe* Trick or Treat)  
Grower: Pat Randall



*Paphiopedilum wenshanense*  
Grower: Bob Lucas



*Potinara Tropical Sunset* 'Oceans Heaven' x  
*Laeliocattleya* Tokyo Magic '6-1' AM/AOS  
Grower: Pat Randall



*Paphiopedilum* Valiant Red  
(*Paph.* Orchilla x *Paph.* Valwin)  
Grower: Sherida Gregoire

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*Phalaenopsis* Cool Cat '17' x  
Chingruey's Bloodred Sun 'CR' AM/AOS  
Grower: Bob Lucas



*Phragmipedium* Grande  
(*Phrag longifolium* x *Phrag humboldtii*)  
Grower: Sherida Gregoire



*Phalaenopsis* France Jaguar  
Grower: Merle Ward



*Phragmipedium* Magdalene Rose 4N  
(*Phrag. Eric Young* x *Phrag. Beauport*)  
Grower: Heather Anderson



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*Rhyncattleanthe* Kaboom 'SVO' x *Rhyncattleanthe*  
Love Sound 'Dogashima' AM/AOS  
Grower: Pat Randall



*Coelogyne cristata*  
Grower: Merle Ward



*Paphiopedilum* Hilo Key Lime 'Winter  
Green' x *Paph.* Hsinying Majakun #7'  
Grower: Pat Randall



*Paphiopedilum* Avalon Mist x  
*Paphiopedilum primulinum*  
Grower: Bob Lucas



**AOS Western Canada Judging Centre Monthly Judging Results**

**January 11, 2020 Photography by Judith Higham**

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***Cattleya* Cheuck Sun HCC/AOS 78 pts**  
***Cattleya* (Jungle Jewel x Beau's Apricot Gem)**  
Exhibitor: Daniel Kwok



***Liparis parviflora* 'Tropical Gardens Orchids' CBR/AOS 78 pts**  
Exhibitor: Calvin Wong | Tropical Gardens Orchids  
*Award provisional pending species identification*



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### ***Cymbidium* Wong Tak Fai 'Billy' AM/AOS 80 pts**

(*Cymbidium parishii* x *Cymbidium mastersii*)

Exhibitor: Calvin Wong | Tropical Gardens Orchids

The AOS Western Canada Judging Centre meets every 2nd Saturday of the month at 11:30am, except where noted (Chair: Abu Salleh, 604-328-5363, [asalleh@telus.net](mailto:asalleh@telus.net))

Next two show/monthly meetings:

- February 29, 2020: 1:00pm (Victoria Orchid Society Show judging) at Our Lady of Fatima Church, 4635 Elk Lake Drive, Victoria, BC
- March 21, 2020: 1:00pm (Vancouver Orchid Society Show judging) at VanDusen Botanical Gardens Floral Hall, 5251 Oak St, Vancouver, BC; (WCJC March monthly judging after VOS Show judging).

**AOS Western Canada Judging Centre Judging Results from the Central  
Vancouver Island Orchid Society Show**

**January 31, 2020 Photography by Judith Higham and Ed Higham (exhibit photos)**

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***Dendrobium* Nora Tokunaga**  
**'Paramount's Valerie & Gabychat'**  
**HCC/AOS 76pts**  
(*Dendrobium atrovioleaceum* x *Dendrobium rhodostictum*)  
Exhibitor: Paramount Orchids



***Masdevallia wendlandiana* 'Thanks Chuck...'** CCM/AOS 82 pts  
Exhibitor: Alexey Tretyakov



**Show Trophy 'Orchids From Afar'** ST/AOS 83 pts  
Exhibitor: Central Vancouver Island Orchid Society