

# NEWSLETTER



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**Future Meeting Dates: TBD**

Saturday, Oct 24, 2020  
Saturday, Nov 21, 2020

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**The September general meeting (Sept. 26, 2020) is CANCELLED, due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic and physical distancing requirements.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SOS EXECUTIVE ELECTION** is postponed until the next General Meeting. The Executive will remain as is until the next election in possible.

### REQUEST FOR TREASURER

Please consider putting your name forward for the Treasurer position (or for Secretary, in which case Donna Carlson-O'Keefe will switch to Treasurer).

**GENERAL MEETINGS** are cancelled until physical distancing restrictions are lifted and the Elim Church venue is available to us. Until then, we will maintain a monthly newsletter and monthly supplies sales.

**LIBRARY** If anyone is interested in borrowing any of the materials - books, magazines (we're still receiving AOS Orchids and Orchid Digest publications!), pH meter, light meter - please email Librarian Deb Huculiak [hucuh@sasktel.net](mailto:hucuh@sasktel.net) She is willing to deliver to you. Please include in your email message your name and a phone number for Deb to reach you. You can find a .pdf of the library holdings on our website.

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Payment is due by the end of September, with membership benefits ending November, 2020. Benefits include: newsletters delivered by email, access to orchid supplies and resources, plant sales, and library materials.

Memberships can be paid by cheque, sent to the SOS mailing address found on the membership form, downloaded from the website:

<http://www.saskorchids.com/#members>

Memberships can also be paid via e-transfer to the SOS President Tracey Thue [thues@sasktel.net](mailto:thues@sasktel.net) or to Cheryl Grummett [cherylgrummett@me.com](mailto:cherylgrummett@me.com)



*Cattleya mossiae*  
Grown by Pat Randall

## SPEAKERS PROGRAM

International speakers will be unable to participate in the speakers tour due to Covid-19 travel restrictions.

Sam Tsui from Orchid Inn, and Alan Koch from Gold Country Orchids have had to cancel their trips that were planned for September and October, 2020. Updates will be provided as they develop.

In the meantime, check out the AOS website. It has many webinars available to non-members, and even more if you have an AOS membership:

<https://www.aos.org/orchids/webinars.aspx>



*Phalaenopsis  
amboensis*

**RESOURCES** Don Keith will be filling orders for orchid supplies (list on page 5), orders to be placed once monthly. Please email Don at [donkeith@sasktel.net](mailto:donkeith@sasktel.net)

by 8:00 pm Friday, Sept. 25, 2020. He will have your order ready for pick-up

from his house after 11:00 am Saturday, Sept. 26, 2020.

Please pay with exact cash, by cheque made out to the SOS, or pay Don by e-transfer.

**2021 CALENDARS** Place your orders by emailing Deb or Kathryn. Calendars will be printed and available for purchase October and November. Price is to be determined; last year calendars were priced at \$15 each.

## ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

How was your summer of growing orchids during the 2020 Covid-19 lockdown?

Any interesting websites discovered?

Favourite fertilizers?

Favourite orchid?

Discover any orchids in the wild?

The editor welcomes any tidbits of information from SOS members to add to the newsletter.



*Calypso bulbosa*  
Photographed by  
Tracey Thue in  
Jasper National  
Park, 2016

**THANK YOU!** to Ruby Soderberg of Young, SK. for donating a very large *Cymbidium* (right) to the Society. Cheryl Adamson and I divided it into good sized divisions that have been sold, with the proceeds going to SOS.  
Heather Anderson



**Recognition of Ellen Ross  
by the Saskatchewan Orchid Society**

*Rhyncholaelia digbyana*  
Grown by Ellen Ross

Several months ago Ellen, a long time member of the SOS, felt she was no longer able to continue caring for her orchid collection. She very generously gave her orchid supplies and orchids to me for the benefit of SOS. The orchid supplies will be sold to SOS members at the Resource table with all proceeds being donated to the Society. The orchids that she left in my care have been sold and once again Ellen has asked that the proceeds go to SOS.

A Certificate of Appreciation has been sent to Ellen “in grateful appreciation of her highly esteemed contributions to the Saskatchewan Orchid Society over the years; for sharing her time, orchid growing knowledge, and friendship with the orchid community.”

We thank Ellen for her many years of service to the Society and, most recently, for donating her orchids and supplies to the Society. Her cheerful presence will be missed at the meetings. On behalf of the Society members I wished her all the best in her new home.

Heather Anderson, Member of the SOS Executive

# ORCHID MARKET

## ORCHID SUPPLIES

See the note on page 3 for details about ordering supplies from Don Keith.

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	PRICE
Fir Bark	3L bag fine or medium (please specify)	\$6.00
Orchiata Pine Bark	3L bag fine, medium or med-coarse (specify)	\$6.00
Perlite	4L bag medium/coarse	\$4.00
Sphagnum moss, N.Z.	8L compacted 12L compressed	N/A N/A
Grodan Grow Cubes	3L bag, 0.4" cubes 7L bag 0.4" cubes	\$5.00 \$10.00
MSU fertilizer	1 cup 13-3-15 for tap or RO water	\$5.00
Merit systemic insecticide	1 cup bag of granules	\$5.00
Oyster shells	1 cup bag	\$0.25
Inflorescence clips	Small, brown or green	10 for \$1.00
Rhizome clips	Small Med/large	\$1.00 \$1.25

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	PRICE
Clear Pots	2 1/4 x 2 1/4 square	\$0.50
	2 1/2 x 2 1/2 round	\$0.50
	2 3/4 x 2 3/4 round	\$0.75
	3 1/4 x 3 1/2 round	\$1.00
	4 x 4	\$1.25
Net Pots	4 1/2 x 4 1/2 slotted	\$1.50
	3"	\$1.25
	3.5"	\$1.25
	5"	\$1.50
	6"	\$1.75

## MEMBER PLANTS FOR SALE

For sale by Jennifer Osachoff

[josachoff@sasktel.net](mailto:josachoff@sasktel.net)

*Maxillaria meleagris* (\$5/each)  
 Several 4" pots available for sale.



Photo from IOSPE [orchidspecies.com](http://orchidspecies.com)



**For sale by Lynn Campbell**

[bigskylabs@sasktel.net](mailto:bigskylabs@sasktel.net)



*Dendrobium* Hamana Lake  
'Dream' (\$20)  
Purchased from Ching Hua  
Very healthy plant; 3-1/2" pot  
Flowered July, 2020



*Dendrobium* Lucky Girl  
(Den. Romance x Den.  
Happy Toy) (\$10)  
Very healthy plant;  
5" pot

**For sale by Pat Randall**

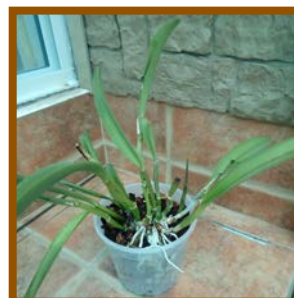
[pat.randall@sasktel.net](mailto:pat.randall@sasktel.net)



*Brassocatanthe* Empress Worsley  
'Roman Holiday' HCC/AOS (\$20)

For sale is a division I potted up in Apr. 2020 in a 6" pot. It blooms quite faithfully in July but will throw out a random bloom at other times of the year as well. It has good roots, a just-finished new growth, and a 3" new growth. Blooming size plant.

Bloom photo is from a previous bloom; not currently in bloom.



**For sale by Tracey Thue**

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*Dendrochilum cootesii* division (\$3)

Species native to Philippines; likes cool - intermediate temperatures, lower light; keep moist but not soggy.

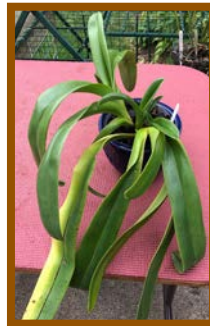
Unique flowers appear in winter, looking at first like a rat's tail as it emerges from the newly forming leaf.



*Pholidota (Coelogyne) chinensis* 'Nisqually' division (\$8)

Species native to China, Korea, Burma; epiphytic or lithophytic; intermediate temperature and light.

Fragrant spring flowers arise before new leaves. Vigorous grower and willing bloomer.

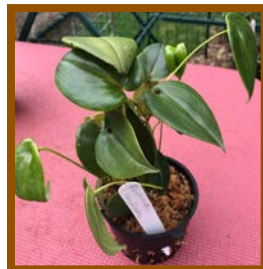


*Paphiopedilum* Mele Pops division (\$15)

(Paph Wall-Jolly 'Wagner's' x Paph Spring Hills 'Lime Disc' B/CSA)

I purchased this plant from the SOS sales table in 2015. It has beautiful big yellow-green flowers that fade to rich yellow and last for weeks.

Vigorous bulldog type complex Paph. Photo of flowers shows one that had been pollinated by hand, so the pouch had been partially removed.



*Pleurothallis canaligera* division (\$5)

Species found in Columbia, Ecuador, Peru.

Cool to cold growing epiphyte, but flowers happily on my north-facing kitchen windowsill. Keep moist.

### For sale by Wilma Regehr

[wregehr@sasktel.net](mailto:wregehr@sasktel.net)



*Dendrobium amabile* division (\$30)

With great difficulty, I managed to repot this huge plant. I had planned to divide it into 4 pieces, however I was too exhausted, so just chopped off one large piece to sell. The division is now well-rooted. It is large, in a clay pot for stability, potted in Orchiata bark.

The photo shows the whole plant when I had it at a meeting.

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### For sale by Heather Anderson

[heather.jane.anderson@gmail.com](mailto:heather.jane.anderson@gmail.com)



*Coelogyne fimbriata* (\$10)

Grown in orchidarium with high humidity. Blooms annually.



*Epidendrum porpax* semi-alba (\$15)

Mounted, grows in orchidarium under high humidity. Blooms several times per year.

*Epidendrum porpax* red (\$10)

Mounted.

Picture available upon request.

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## SHOW AND TELL

### Grown by Bob Lucas



*Paphiopedilum* Yang Ji Hawk  
(*anatum* x *sanderianum*)  
This is a very compact plant for a multi-floral.



*Phalaenopsis* Katherine Norton '#5'  
This is the 5th plant to bloom of the cross *Phal* Katherine Norton (I-Hsin Gold Dust x Orchidview Tabasco) that I named for Katherine of Orchidview, who passed two months after I told her of the registration. It is the best one to bloom so far.



Composite, from left to right:  
*Paphiopedilum* Vanda M Perlman  
*Paphiopedilum* Wossner's China Moon  
*Paphiopedilum* Mem Horst Bohne (in bloom since Feb.)

I grow my *Paphs* in bark mix but I've been moving them all to Orchiatra.

## Grown by Pat Randall



*Cattleya* Lucy Chua (C. Lulu x C. Summerland Girl)

I got this in October, 2013 when Fred Clark was in Edmonton. I grow it in medium bark, clear pot, under T5 lights. Water when it dries out.

It blooms every summer for me and has a beautiful scent.



*Cattleya* Mini Purple 'Blue Hawaii' AM/AOS

Easy to bloom and grow under lights. It is a fairly compact plant.



*Cattleya maxima*

A species originating in Peru, Columbia and Ecuador. I bought it from Calvin Wong in 2015 when he was at our meeting. He got it from Peruflorea. They told me mine is a Peruvian one. *C. maxima* is split into 2 groups, lowland and upland. If ordering, be careful what you order.

Lowland plants can get as tall as 2 feet for more, while upland plants are more compact, like mine. It has been a reliable September bloomer for the last few years.

Grown much like most of my plants in a clear plastic pot, medium bark, under lights in winter and summer, and watered when dry.

Quite an easy species to bloom, in my experience.

**Grown by Pat Randall**



*Cattleya* Tropical Pointer 'Cheetah' AM/AOS

I purchased this as a tiny seedling from Cloud's in 2013. For years it was very slow and tiny. But it finally took off several years ago. Now it is blooming every 6 months. I grow it the same as my other Cattleyas, which is in clear pots, medium bark and under lights. It seems to prefer a little more water than some or the leaves can be bent as they develop. I just water it a few days earlier than I normally would.

**Grown by Heather Anderson**



*Ornithocephalus polyodon*  
Blooms annually.

These are all grown in my orchidarium under T5 lights for 10 hours/day. They are misted for 1-3/4 minutes every morning and small computer fans circulate the air 24 hours/day. Presently, the orchidarium is about 75F during the day; 65F at night.



*Pleurothallis rubella*  
This is the 2nd and 3rd bloom stem for this miniature.



*Bulbophyllum falcatum*  
Blooms regularly about this time of year.



**Grown by Kathryn Hiller**



*Brassavola David Sander*

I've had this for about 4 or 5 years and this is the first flower for it. I moved it this spring from an east window to a spot under lights to see if it liked it any better. It put out a lot of air roots during that time and then, about 3 weeks ago when I watered it, there was a flower bud on a spike that wasn't there the week before. The flower is about 6" across. And yes, it is like a fringe. I included the picture of the bud because it was so weird.

**Grown by Tracey Thue**

*Paphiopedilum Magic Lantern*





## Grown by Robert Wilson

Currently, I only have three orchids that I've been able to bloom since arriving in Stonebridge and began to rebuild a modest collection. All so far have essentially been grown in windowsill conditions in a bright, sunny area with large east- and south-facing windows, fitted with adjustable shades.

I usually water the plants in mid-morning one day a week, giving them a good soaking, and generally fertilize with every other watering.



This *Phalaenopsis* is a no-name variety that I bought locally over 2 years ago, due to its very attractive solid and vivid colour! It was the first plant I got after my arrival in Saskatoon and it has successfully bloomed each year since, producing an inflorescence that lasts many weeks. Although it bears no known name, I certainly have no regrets! I repotted it in mid-June after it dropped its last flower. It has shown no ill effects from the shock of repotting and has developed many new roots and fresh leaves. I look forward to it hopefully producing a new stem in the next few months!



*Cattleya percivaliana*

I was fortunate enough to have bought this *Cattleya* from the society's sales table last September, upon joining the society at my first visit.

*Potinara* Golden Circle 'OPRL' x Blc. Love Sound 'Dogashima' AM/AOS

I bought this from Fred Clarke, during his visit and lecture last fall! It bears a lovely cluster of 3" - 3.25" fragrant flowers and, although it was not in bloom when I bought it, it has since come into bloom 3 times and is still producing new pseudobulbs.

It currently resides on a windowsill where it receives filtered sunlight through an obscure glass window. It seem to enjoy this location. After this blooming, I feel it is already in need of repotting to a larger 4" pot.



## Grown by Jennifer Osachoff

Thanks for the opportunity to show off my orchids! I have a couple of stunning *Paphs.* to share. Both are first blooms for me. I grow them under 12-hour light at 2100 lumens - 5000 K - T8 LED daylight. Most of my *Paphs.* have become reliable bloomers, so I am very excited about these 2 new ones.



*Paphiopedilum* Booth's Sand Lady (left)

I got this from Cal Carter in 2018 when he was selling all of his plants.

*Paphiopedilum*  
(Ruby Leopard x Voodoo  
Magic) x *gratrixianum*

This was a baby on the member's sale table in 2016. The flower is just under 5" and really as big as the plant itself.



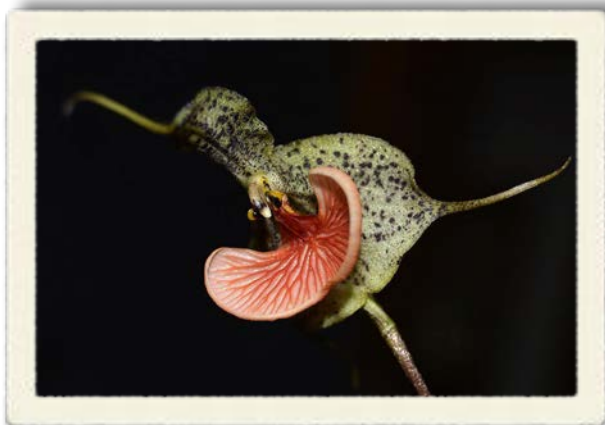
## Grown by Cheryl Adamson

*Bulbophyllum medusae*

Not quite open, but a pleasant surprise!  
I bought this from Ching Hua two years ago.  
Grows in intermediate conditions, watered once daily with tap water.



Grown by Sara Thue



*Dracula chestertonii*



*Dendrobium cuthbertsonii*



*Aerangis luteo-alba* var. *rhodosticta*



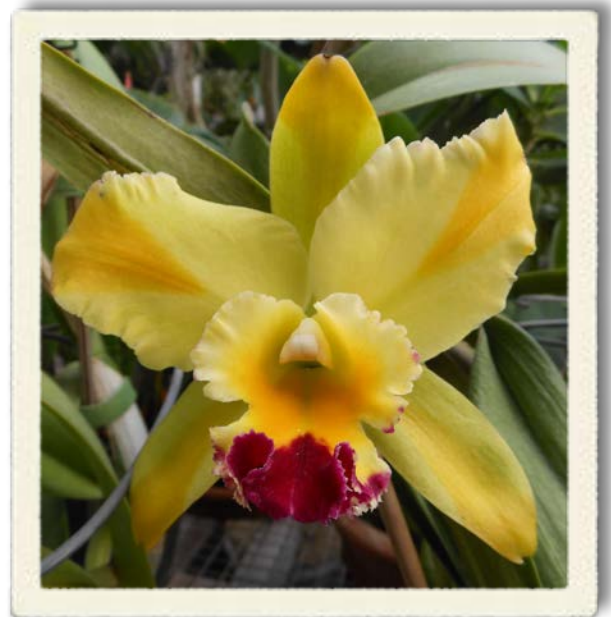
**Grown by Wilma Regher**



*Rhyncholaeliocattleya* Golf Green 'Hair Pig'  
(*Cattleya* Moscombe x *Rhyncholaelia* digbyana) 2006  
A lovely flower; very fragrant at night, however it has  
an ungainly, sprawling growth: a real space HOG.  
Apparently the nature of the beast, so I have read.



*Cattleya* Hawaiian Wedding Song 'Virgin'  
Another very old plant. Blooms July-August  
and again December-January. A heavenly  
fragrance. This is my favourite colour in  
Cattleyas.



*Rhyncholaelieocattleya* Green Rattana  
'Golden Angel'  
Ching Hua, 2016  
This has a slight fragrance.



Grown by Wilma Regher



*Paphiopedilum henryanum*  
A species from Piping Rock, 2019.



*Brassolaeliocattleya* James Hausermann  
'Summerfest'  
One of my very old plants, reliable summer bloomer, fragrant. Cross made in 1965.



*Cymbidium* Persuasive 'Miss Black Eyes'  
A very old plant. I have no idea where I got it.  
Spends the summers outside.  
This is a mini *Cymbidium*, but still has about 3-foot long leaves.



*Paphiopedilum* Mini  
(Little by Little x Coconut Candy) x Little Stevie  
A true mini in a 2" pot; 3-1/2" leaf span.  
From Paramount Orchids, 2016.

Grown by Sherida Gregoire



*Paphiopedilum* F. C. Puddle



*Rhyncholaeliocattleya* Haw Yuan Gold 'Y.K. #2'  
GC/WOC'99



*Laeliocattleya* Tokyo Life 'SVO' HCC/AOS

## END NOTE



*Vanda Pachara Delight* 'Pachara' FCC/AOS  
Grown by Al Hartridge

*Flashes of Amethyst*  
By Tobi Fenton

*Violet, deep as the light of a glow-worm reflected on ancient water in a Malayan cave;*

*Specks of amethyst flash like jewels on butterfly wings as they drift through a barely -  
glimpsed dream of tropical air, saturated and echoing with the distant call of a leopard  
cat;*

*Dancing in the mystery of a Philippine forest while we try to grasp its complexity;*

*Joyful and aching as a memory that fades into forgotten night.*