

# NEWSLETTER



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## Future Meeting Dates:

Saturday, Nov 24, 2022	Saturday, Jan 28, 2023
Saturday, Feb 25, 2023	Saturday, Mar 18, 2023 - tentative
Saturday, Apr 22, 2023	Saturday, May 27, 2023

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## October Meeting - Saturday, October 22, 2022

The general meeting will be held in-person at **Cosmo Civic Centre** beginning at 1:15pm. Cordelia Head from J&L Orchids will be visiting us and will give a presentation on miniature orchids.

Please see page 3 of this newsletter for the link to the Zoom meeting if you are unable to attend in person.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MEETING AGENDA:

**Plant Sale opens @ 1:15pm -  
J&L Orchids (first come, first served)**

**Meeting Start @ 1:30pm**

**Announcements**

**Presentation - Cordelia Head @ 1:45pm**

**Plant Sale - J&L Orchids**

*Break for Supplies, Library, Visiting, 50:50 ticket sales, J&L plant sales, pre-order pickup*

**Problem corner**

If you bring a sick plant for advice, please put it in a plastic bag to protect other plants at the meeting!

**Show & Tell**

**50:50 Draw**

**Calendar Orders**

**Adjournment**

*The meeting will be presented on Zoom for those unable to attend in person.*

### Secretary Position is OPEN!

We are looking for a volunteer for the SOS Secretary position. Donna, our current Secretary, is willing to fill the Treasurer role so Cheryl can step down. If interested in what the Secretary position entails, please speak with Donna or Tracey!

### SOS EMAIL CONTACTS

- **Plant orders to:** [orders@saskorchids.com](mailto:orders@saskorchids.com)
- **General requests or queries to:** [info@saskorchids.com](mailto:info@saskorchids.com)

**Elim Church is currently unavailable due to flood damage. Until we can return to Elim Church, we will meet at**

**COSMO CIVIC CENTRE  
3130 Laurier Drive, Saskatoon**

Use the front entrance, ground floor & take the ramp up to the 2nd floor to Classrooms A & B  
Lots of parking.

*Masking is optional and encouraged.*

*Please, if you are experiencing any cold, flu or Covid-19 symptoms (cough, fever, sore throat), please stay home, even if you have tested negative with a rapid test.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 2022-2023 SOS Membership fees are due now!

Still a great deal at \$25 for single and \$30 for family memberships (Sept '22 - Aug'23).

Pay cash or cheque to Donna at the general meeting, or e-transfer to Cheryl.

[cherylgrummett@me.com](mailto:cherylgrummett@me.com)

### Plants Pre-ordered from J&L Orchids:

Please pick up your plants and pay Cordelia Head directly during the meeting.

### General Meeting Plant Sale:

Cordelia Head will have plants available for sale during the meeting. Prices in U.S. dollars (CAD price will be displayed).

Pay by cash or credit card (no cheques).

### **2023 SOS Calendar Fundraiser**

Calendars can be ordered at the meeting (see page 9 for preview and details). **\$15 each**

For those not attending, please send an email to Deb Huculiak: [hucuh@sasktel.net](mailto:hucuh@sasktel.net) with the number of calendars you want, and to arrange for pickup.

Payment by e-transfer to Cheryl Grummett:

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### **October Guest Speaker: Cordelia Head, J&L Orchids**

Cordelia is one of three previous owners of J&L Orchids and is proud to be associated with the new owners, the Carreno family. Cordelia has been growing orchids for more than 40 years. She is on many international orchid committees involving orchid conservation and judging, and is an accredited judge with the American Orchid Society. She served on the AOS Awards Committee for several years.

Cordelia will be presenting a program on growing miniature orchids in the home. It will be entertaining and informative, suitable for the beginner and longtime orchid grower alike. It will include tips and insights gathered over her years of growing and transporting orchids around the world.

Travelling extensively throughout central and south America in search of orchids, Cordelia has discovered many new species, with three species named for her.

Cordelia has lectured both nationally and internationally, including at the World Orchid Congress in Miami, France, Malaysia, Vancouver, Glasgow, and many others.

**Saturday, October 22, 2022 @ 1:30 PM CST**

If you are unable to join the meeting in person, please join on Zoom with this link:

<https://usask-ca.zoom.us/j/92360422861?pwd=dIErNVYzT0F1YllzN0IzMW1aOFNmQT09>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



These ceramic floor tiles were created to recognize the donations made by western Canadian orchid societies that were visited by TJ Hartung, Vallarta Botanical Garden during May, 2022.

Speakers' fees of \$200 per society were donated to the Vallarta Botanical Garden.

The 12" x 12" tiles will be installed on the floor of the Vallarta Botanical Garden as a permanent record of the societies' love of orchids and their support for the garden's efforts in the conservation of plants and animals.

### AOS Western Canada Judging Center Award

September 17, 2022

Judges in attendance: Monica De Wit, David Edgily, Ben Rostron, Deborah Ward, Calvin Wong, Jennifer Atkins (student), Alex Malikov (student), Deb Boersma (student).

Photographer: Doug Savage



***Dendrobium Velvet Melody 'Queen Elizabeth II'* HCC/AOS 79pts.**

*(Dendrobium Nicole Camelot x Dendrobium Red Butterfly)*

Exhibitor: Alex Malikov



**AOS Western Canada Judging Center Foothills Orchid Society Show Awards**

September 17, 2022

Judges in attendance: Monica De Wit, David Edgily, Ben Rostron, Deborah Ward, Calvin Wong, Jennifer Atkins (student), Alex Malikov (student), Deb Boersma (student).

Photographer: Doug Savage



**Show Trophy 'Orchids - Just Around the Corner' ST/AOS 83 pts.**

Exhibitor: Foothills Orchid Society



***Oncidium crocidipterum* 'Dave and Lois Nixon' HCC/AOS 86 pts.**

Exhibitor: Orchid Species Preservation Foundation

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## SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: September 24, 2022, 1:30 PM CST

LOCATION: Cosmo Civic Center, due to water damage at Elim Church. October and November meetings will be held at the Cosmo Civic Center, and hopefully return to Elim Church in January, 2023.

### Announcements:

- Tracey Thue, SOS President, welcomed everyone to the meeting, along with members joining via Zoom.
- There is one guest: Tracey's husband, Marlow, who is also selling 50/50 tickets today at \$5 each as a fundraiser for the SOS.
- Jenn Burgess is stepping in as secretary today.
- Pat Randall is photographing plants from the Show and Tell table.
- Membership renewals are due this month for the 2022-23 year: \$25/single; \$30/family. Members can receive a 10% discount at Early's for orchid-related items if they show their card. Payments can be made by cash, cheque, or e-transfer to Cheryl Grummett. Cheques can be mailed to the SOS.
- Plant sale table: let Donna know your member number (on your name tag) to enter the draw to buy plants.
- Next meeting, Oct. 22, Cordelia Head of J&L Orchids, Connecticut, will be coming. Heather has a pre-order list of plants with USD prices, and will send it to members next week with an order deadline date. Cordelia's presentation topic to be determined.
- 2023 SOS Calendar: a sign-up sheet for calendar orders will be available next month at the October meeting. Calendars will be available by the November meeting.
- Zoom option for SOS meetings will continue to be offered for the foreseeable future.
- **Resource table:** Don showed a few new products: large perlite (AKA sponge rock) 1/2-3/4" diameter pieces; bags of pumice pellets, 2L/\$12; and Grotek GrowthMax seaweed-based fertilizer, 16 oz. bottles/\$24. Also available are free samples of donated black-coated wire to wrap mounted plants. If popular, the resource table will acquire more.
- **Library:** Deb announced that this year's magazines are available at the meeting, and she can also take requests for any other books/magazines for borrowing.

### Problem Corner:

One member described Cattleya leaves that were turning yellow but appeared otherwise healthy. It was suggested that they may be too close to the lights.

### Show and Tell:

Pat R. brought an *Epilaeliocattleya* **Volcano Trick 'Orange Fire'** AM/AOS, purchased from Ching Hua in 2012. Grown in medium bark under lights. A beautiful spray of orange and red flowers.

Heather A. showed *Dendrobium* **Baby Hibiki**, a new plant still potted in sphagnum from Ten Shin. Heather numbers her tags for cataloguing and writes dates on the tag for repotting. This cute plant came in bloom with pink flowers.

Jenn B. brought a *Rhyncholaeliocattleya* **Ports of Paradise 'Emerald Isle'** AM/AOS, grown in a south-east window. This is a large plant that will need dividing soon.

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**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, CONT.**

**Presentation: "An Orchid Summer Holiday.....and Fall Dip"**  
by Tracey Thue



An updated Powerpoint presentation originally given in 2016, talking about the benefits of taking orchids outside for the summer. Benefits include stronger growth and more blooms, but you must also consider the low humidity and insects encountered outdoors. Preparation of outdoor and indoor spaces was discussed, and we saw some photos of the great blooms that resulted from a summer outdoors.

- **Temperature:** avoid frosts and low nighttime temperatures; judge plant tolerances and microclimates; watch for higher temperatures that some plants may not tolerate.
- **Light:** exposures; direct and indirect light; brighter outdoor light vs indoor; acclimatize plants so as not to burn them; take advantage of shading under trees or use shade cloth; use shaded mounting for lower light plants.
- **Humidity/Water:** monitor and adjust frequency of watering, as plants will dry out faster; consider wind and rain. Tracey waters with rain water, using a pump sprayer or garden hose.
- **Insects:** recipes were shared for removing insects from plants (See page 6). For control of scale, mealybug and aphids: rubbing alcohol, Neem oil and pyrethrum-based products are helpful.

*Comments:* Don has found the Photone app useful. It allows a smartphone to act as a light meter. Further group discussion ensued. Tracey noted that we may benefit from a presentation on lighting.

*Question:* about fertilizer when plants are outdoors. Tracey increases frequency when plants are outdoors. Watering frequency is increased. She rotates fertilizers and adds slow-release fertilizer to some plants such as Coelogyne.

*Question:* do all of her outdoor plants receive rainfall? Most do, but some sheltered plants need watering; others can get too much water if they are in an outer container or tray without drainage when it rains.

*Question:* are all of her orchids outdoors in summer? Not Phalaenopsis; they stay inside.



**50/50 Draw:**

Total came to \$70. Pat R. was the winner, taking home \$35.

**Sale Table:**

There were approximately two dozen orchids, including a large Coelogyne, Draculas, Laelia, and Cattleya hybrids. Also some butterwort plants, useful for insect control. Not all plants were sold.

**Adjournment:** 3:05 pm.



## INSECT CONTROL RECIPES

### **Plant Dip Recipe**

(from James Sather)

Add the following to a 5-gallon pail (20L) and mix well:

15 - 18L warm water

3 x 375 mL 3% hydrogen peroxide

3 x 375 mL 70% Isopropyl alcohol (rubbing alcohol)

1/4 cup Neem oil

1/4 cup Sunlight dish soap

Immerse plant in solution. Wash by hand any leaves sticking out. Let soak 5 - 10 minutes. Drain. Let dry, and take plant inside.

### **Spider Mite Spray**

(Bob's recipe from Horst Bohne)

1 L water

1/2 tsp. Neem oil

25 mL horticultural oil

Touch of antibacterial soap

Spray both sides of leaves and let dry.

### **Spider Mite Spray**

(from Ingrid Schmidt-Ostrander)

1/4 cup baking soda

1/2 cup apple cider vinegar

1 Tablespoon lemon juice

2 drops dish soap

1/4 teaspoon Epsom salts

Dissolve the Epsom salts in 1 cup very hot water. Put the rest of the ingredients in a 2L bottle. Add Epsom salt solution to the bottle and fill to the top with water. Shake well.

Cover the growing medium with plastic, turn off lights, and mist plant all over.

Wait 20 minutes; spray with water to rinse off the solution and the dissolved remains of mites and eggs.



## 2023 SOS Orchid Calendar Fundraiser

Sara Thue has produced another gorgeous calendar for the SOS, preview below.

Calendars will once again be **\$15 each**.

Payment by e-transfer is preferred (to Cheryl Grummett [cherylgrummett@me.com](mailto:cherylgrummett@me.com)); cash or cheque also accepted at the November meeting.

**An order form will be passed around at the October meeting. Remember, they make beautiful gifts!**

Members who are not at the meeting are asked to email Deb Huculiak [hucuh@sasktel.net](mailto:hucuh@sasktel.net) the number of calendars desired, and to arrange for pickup. Payment by e-transfer to Cheryl.



On The Cover: *Phragmipedium* Seymour 'Red Dancer' x *kovachii* 'Full Moon' Grown by Bob L.

All orchids featured in this calendar were grown and photographed by members of the Saskatchewan Orchid Society.



## SHOW AND TELL



*Epilaeliocattleya* Volcano Trick 'Orange Fire' AM/AOS  
Grown and photographed by Pat Randall



*Rhyncholaeliocattleya* Ports of Paradise

'Emerald Isle' AM/AOS

Grown by Jennifer Burgess  
Photographed by Pat Randall



*Dendrobium* Baby Hibiki

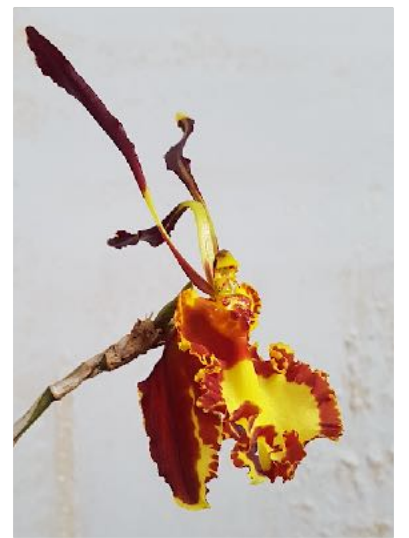
Grown by Heather Anderson  
Photographed by Pat Randall



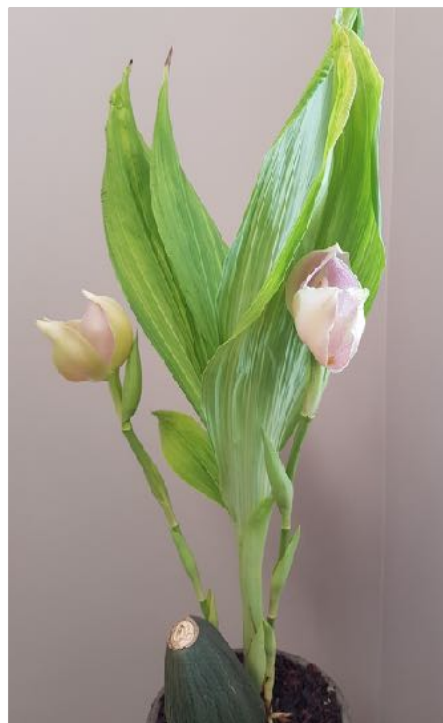
*Gongora rufescens*  
Grown/photographed by  
Shayne Feltis



*Psychosis papillio*  
Grown/photographed by Shayne Feltis



*Anguloa uniflora*  
Grown/photographed by  
Shayne Feltis





Plants on this page grown and/or photographed by David Schwingamer



***Phalaenopsis* NOID**

My first orchid, given to me by a great aunt. Always brings a smile to my face when it blooms.



***Ludisia discolor x Anoectochilus roxburghii***

Purchased from the Little Big Plant Company in 2020. It blooms almost continually and is an easy and vigorous grower. Grown on the terrarium floor, it threatens to overtake other *Ludisia* and *Macodes* jewel orchids.



***Laeliocattleya Sin Buu Lady***

Arrived in bloom from Ching Hua



***Coeloglyne fimbriata***

Purchased from Heather Anderson in 2020. Grown in my terrarium. Blooms almost continuously.



***Cypripedium montanum***

Mountain Lady Slipper. Wild in the Cypress Hills. I have been visiting this plant for over 20 years. On a good year, there can be over 17 blooms on a plant, though this is the first bloom it has produced in 4 years.



***Corallorhiza maculata* Spotted Coralroot**

Wild in the Cypress Hills. These are a July fixture in the hills; in the lodgepole pine forest they are everywhere and can form impressive clumps.

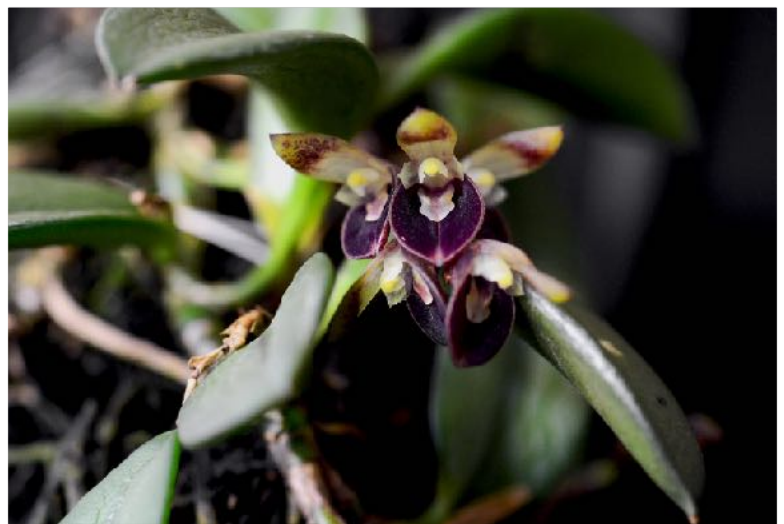


Plants on this page grown by Tracey T. & photographed by Sara T.



***Dendrobium Ise 'Pearl'*** HCC/AOS  
(*Den. moniliforme* x *Den. officinale*)

A gift from Tobi, this little *Dendrobium* lives on the south facing windowsill in winter where it enjoys bright light, cooler temps & dry conditions. It goes outside in summer for warmer temps, direct morning light and lots of water & fertilizer. It is wonderfully fragrant, to my nose like fruity hyacinth, or rose, thanks to its *Den. moniliforme* parent.



***Pleurothallis recurva***

Purchased from J&L Orchids when Cordelia visited us in 2018, this pretty miniature is native to South America in wet montane forests and primary cloud forests. My plant is quite happy on its tree fern mount, grown in bright shade in the living room in winter with daily watering, and outside when temps are less than 20C, given lots of water. I love the deep burgundy color of the lip.

## THE ROOT ZONE



*Cypripedium Gisela* (*Cyp. parviflorum* x *macranthos*)  
Grown and photographed by Tobi Fenton

## Spirit of Autumn

Tobi Fenton

The days shorten quickly now with longer angled light that vibrates at a different frequency than in summer. Green fades into a memory of May; red shocks the brain with fire against the inconceivable blue October sky. Quivering honey and peach and copper swirl in the gentle breeze and wrap you in a tender dream that you are loathe to wake from because once you do, the chuckling robins and crying geese will be gone and winter's long monochrome will reign.

Colours kaleidoscope into each other and you're not sure what season it is. Purple nine-barks turn magenta beside the glorious pink towers of hollyhocks. Late cornflowers are a spark of summer blue beneath bright carmine hawthorn berries. It's disorienting. Like looking through a telescope at a cosmic zoom that takes you from spring to fall in three seconds - no chance to focus.

Dozing in the soft warm afternoon, eyes half-open on the linden turning to amber, it's possible to imagine this autumn light is a fine thin veil, a film of colour between worlds that you could breach with a glance or a thought if only you could get the angle right. What would you see, do you think? The spirits of lost friends and forebears? Or a neighbour universe, where plump burgundy slipper orchids bloom at the feet of a poplar tree in full, majestic fall gold?

Perhaps both. I like to think it's both.