

NEWSLETTER

Saskatchewan



Orchid Society

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Future Meeting Dates:

Saturday, Feb. 24, 2024 Elim Church
Saturday, March 16, 2024 Elim Church
Saturday, April 27, 2024 Elim Church

SOS Executive

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January Meeting - Saturday, January 27, 2023 1:30 pm CST

In-person at Elim Church (see address on page 2)

Meeting begins promptly at 1:30pm.
Guests are always welcome!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEETING AGENDA

Meeting starts @ 1:30 pm

Announcements

Problem Corner

Please bring any sick plants in a plastic bag to prevent spreading insects or disease.

Show and Tell

Bring your flowering orchids to display on the Show and Tell Table. Share with the membership how you grow and flower them. Photos will be featured in the next newsletter.

Break: 50:50 ticket sales, Resources sales, Library

Presentation: Calvin Lo

Members' Plant Sale

Members bring orchids or orchid-related items to sell to other members; 10% of the sale price goes to the SOS. Please mark your plant pots with your asking price and your initials.

Adjournment

GUEST SPEAKER

Calvin Lo
Madagascar, Part 2

Calvin will complete his presentation about his tour in Madagascar with the Orchid Conservation Alliance. He will then share some cultivation tips for home orchidists, showcasing photographed plants from his collection.

TEA BREAK

Each month, member volunteers generously bring treats to share with the club during the Break.

**This is supported by
donation.**

Look for the **PINK**



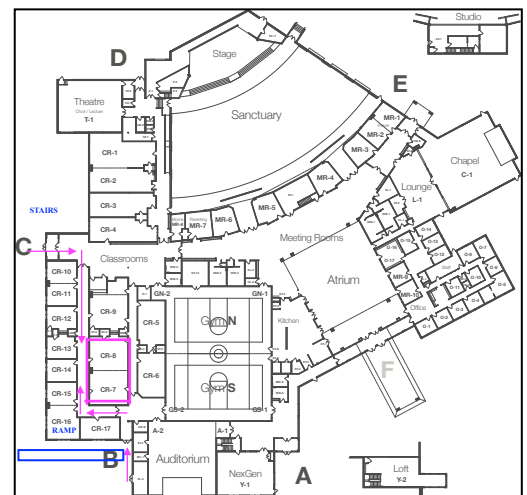
Our November 25, 2023 meeting will be held at:
Elim Church 419 Slimmon Road, Saskatoon,
Classrooms 7&8

Link to Google directions:

https://www.google.com/maps/place/Elim+Church/@52.1000955,-106.5639598,17z/data=!3m1!1e3!1s0x5304f3e234ab6cab:0xa95d3531805b4fc718m2!3d52.1000955!4d-106.5613795!16s%2Fg%2F1tffn_n!entry=ttu

Masking is welcome.

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 Covid rapid test.



FUTURE GUEST SPEAKERS

February, 2024 - **Monica de Wit, AOS Judge**
Preparing Plants for Shows

May, 2024 - **Andrew Geimar**
Roehampton Orchids, Toronto

September, 2024 - **Wenqing Perner**
Hengduan Mountains Biotechnology, China

October, 2024 - **Dr. Leslie Ee**
President of the Canadian Orchid Congress
(COC), Toronto

*All speakers will be bringing
plants for sale!*

RESOURCES

Orchiata bark is available in these sizes:

Power+ A larger size bark - good for Cattleyas and others wanting fast drainage

Power A medium size bark - good for most mature orchids

Classic A small size bark - good for young orchids & most Paphs

Precision The smallest size bark - perfect for seedlings

See Don and Tom at the Resources Table



Orchid Conservation Alliance

Looking for holiday ideas? Why not take a page from Calvin Lo's book and investigate an orchid ecotour? The OCA has the 2024 schedule posted for their **Orchids in the Wild Tours**: Nepal; Yunnan, China; northern Spain; Rhodes Island; Brazil; Newfoundland. What a selection!

<https://orchidconservationalliance.org/ecotours/>

Photos from OCA website



SOS Email contacts

Plant orders to: orders@saskorchids.com

General requests or queries to: info@saskorchids.com

SOS Email address for purchases by e-transfer

Please send all e-transfer purchases to: payment@saskorchids.com

Specify in the message section of the e-transfer what the transfer is for (plants, membership, supplies, calendar, etc.)

UPCOMING EVENTS IN 2024

Gardenscape

March 22 - 24, 2024

Trade Show, Art Show, Plant Sale and Auction
Saskatoon, SK

Mark this date in your calendars!

Think about which of your orchids might be blooming in March so you can show them off in the SOS orchid display.

See Deb at the General Meeting to sign up as volunteer at the SOS display table.

Orchid Society of Alberta Annual Orchid Fair

March 22 - 24, 2024

St. Albert, Alberta

If you're ready for a weekend away, consider attending the Orchid Society of Alberta's Orchid Fair in St. Albert. It's one of the big events in western Canada!

Orchid vendors, AOS judging, orchid society displays!

Foothills Orchid Society Show and Sale

June 1, 2 2024

Calgary, Alberta

A great list of vendors have confirmed their attendance! Check out the FOS website for details.

<https://www.foothillsorchidsociety.com/show>

Saskatchewan Orchid Society April Silent Auction Fundraiser

April 20, 2024

This is the SOS' main fundraiser of the year!

It's not too early to start thinking of items to donate for the auction: plants, pots, books, or other orchid-related items. Be creative!

**AOS Western Canada Judging Centre
November 18, 2023 judging results**

Judges in attendance: Stanley Luk, Ben Rostron, Deborah Ward, Poul Hansen (Senior),
Paul Paludet (Associate). Photographer: Alexey Tretyakov

(Awards are considered provisional until paperwork and payment is processed by AOS and published in
OrchidPro)



***Masdevallia* Rose-Mary 'Pinky ENCF' HCC/AOS 77pts**

(*Masd. coccinea* x *Masd. glandulosa*)

Exhibitor: Catherine Frutiger



***Laelia moyobambae* 'Dancing Bees' HCC/AOS 75 pts**

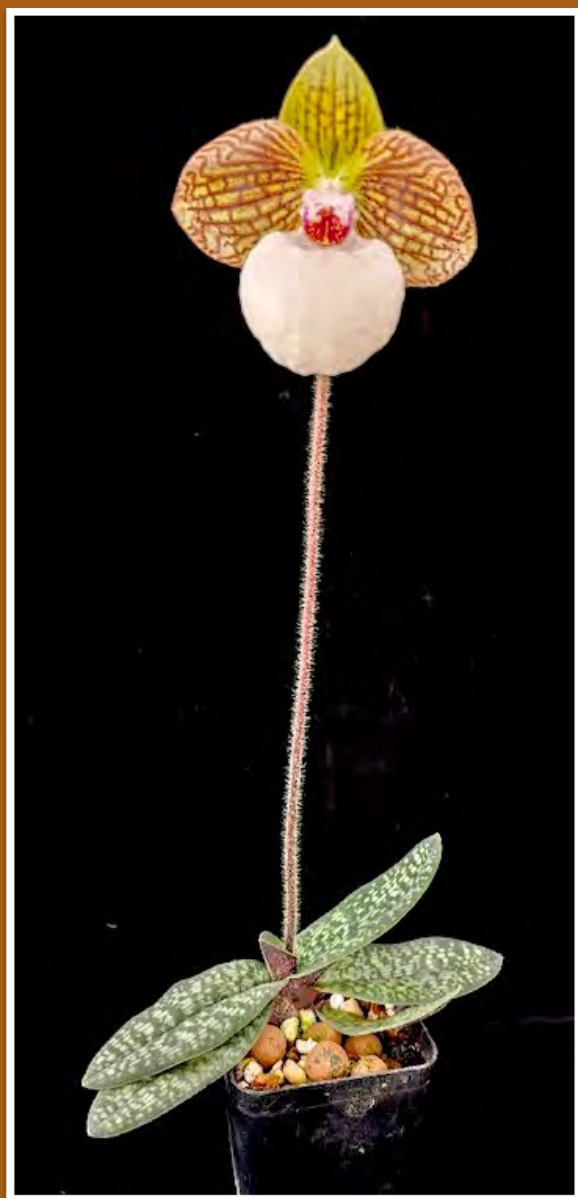
Exhibitor: Jon M. DeLaurier

**AOS Western Canada Judging Centre
December 9, 2023 judging results**

Judges in attendance: Stanley Luk, David Edgley, Abu Salleh, Ryan Young

Photographers: Maureen Burke, Collis Wilson

(Awards are considered provisional until paperwork and payment is processed by AOS and published in *OrchidPro*)

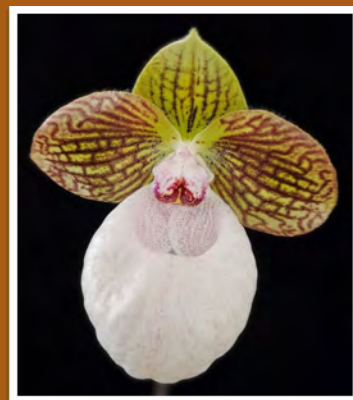
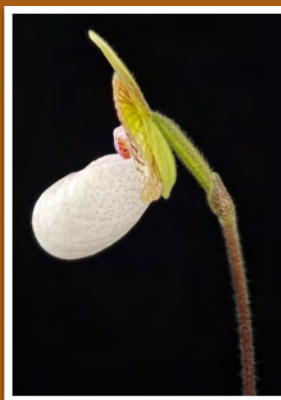


Paphiopedilum Fanaticum

'Little Martian' AM/AOS 81 pts

(Paph. micranthum h.f. alba 'Forest Surprise'
x Paph. malipoense h.f. 'Darth Vader')

Exhibitor: Stanley Luk



NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: November 25, 2023 1:30 p.m. CST

LOCATION: Elim Church, 419 Slimmon Road, Saskatoon

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Shayne Feltis welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Membership renewals are due: single - \$25; family - \$30. Payment can be made by e-transfer to payment@saskorchids.com (note that it is "payment", not "payments"), cash to Donna Carlson-O'Keefe, or a cheque made out to the SOS.
2. Calendars are available from Deb Huculiak. There are extras for \$15. These can be paid by e-transfer, cash, or cheque.
3. Member plant sale table: please put your membership number in for the draw to go up and purchase a plant.
4. Resources: Don Keith announced that all sizes of Orchidata are now available. The 4 sizes from largest to smallest are: Power Plus, Power, Classic, and Precision. Sphagnum blocks are also back in stock. In addition, there are bags of dried sphagnum moss, collected from northern Saskatchewan, that came from Tracey.
5. Speaker Program: Heather Anderson and Shirley Keith talked about their positive experiences billeting guest speakers and encouraged members to sign up to billet future speakers. It is a great way to make connections and get growing hints. Speakers will arrive on a Friday, are taken out for dinner with the executive (the host is also invited), and leave Saturday after the meeting to go on to Edmonton. There are a few speakers booked for the fall of 2024, and Shirley will pass around a sign-up sheet to indicate interest in billeting.
6. Social: Shirley Keith will pass around a sign-up sheet for members to volunteer to bring treats to a meeting.
7. 50/50 Draw: tickets are 5/\$5. See Donna Carlson-O'Keefe for purchase.
8. Elections for the 2024 executive are taking place today.

PROBLEM CORNER: No problems to discuss.

SHOW AND TELL:

Robert Henderson

- *Phalaenopsis tetrapsis* 'Green' - flowers have a light fragrance
- *Dendrobium Snow of Oriental* x *Den Sansai* - acquired from the sales table; watered once/week

Jenn Burgess

- *Oncidium Twinkle* 'Yellow Bird' - grown under lights
- *Paphiopedilum King Arthur* - grown on a windowsill and kept damp
- *Paphiopedilum fairrieianum* - grown under lights and watered at least once/week

Deb Huculiak

- *Paphiopedilum Enzan Red Hunting* x *Paph Cocoa Burrhill* - acquired from the sales table last month

Donna Carlson-O'Keefe

- *Sedirea japonica* - purchased in April from Ten Shin. Grows on cliffs in the wild. In Donna's words, the flower looks a little wonky, as it is double-lipped. Calvin noted that subsequent blooms may be normal.

Heather Anderson

- *Dendrobium Ueang Pheng* (*Den jenkinsii* x *Den lindleyi*) - yellow flowers. Acquired in 2011. Grown mounted and watered every 4-5 days.
- *Phragmipedium Jason Fisher* 'BB' - fertilized once/week and watered with RO water once/week as Bob Lucas does. Heather noted that watering/flushing her plants (which David Sorokowsky advised) took too long. So she has gone back to dunking her plants.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, CONTINUED

SHOW AND TELL, CONTINUED:

Tracey Thue

- *Paphiopedilum spicerianum* (Bostocks' x 'Wavy Gravy') - from Terry Letendre in 2011. It nearly died and was put into a fish bowl for a couple of years to increase humidity and allow it to recover growth; is now in Orchidata in a deeper pot.
- *Dendrochilum javeriense* - a yellow-flowered plant with compact, grassy leaves. Grown in a south-facing window, and is outside in the summer.
- *Aerangis luteo-alba* var. *rhodosticta* - grown by Sara Thue, it's from J&L Orchids and should be kept warm and humid when growing, though this plant is grown at 15-20 C and has flowered every year.

Pat Randall

- *Brassolaeliocattleya* George King 'Serendipity' AM/AOS - this is its first bloom since it was purchased as a seedling in 2015. It now has two beautiful pink blooms. It is fertilized with 20/20/20 year-round, and Pat adds Cal-Mag (from Early's) and flushes with plain water. She waters when nearly dry.
- *Laeliocattleya* Milton Warne 'Premier' AM/AOS x *Potinara* Love Passion 'Island Romance' - from Sunset Valley Orchids in 2016 and grown in medium bark.

Shayne Feltis

- *Pleurothallis rubella* - grown mounted in a grow tent in high humidity and bright shade.

Calvin Lo

- *Angraecum leonis* 'Majus' - with 5 blooms. Grew from a pup offshoot from original nursery, from a French orchid grower. Grown in intermediate temperatures.
- *Brassavola appendiculata* (purchased as *B. cucullata*) - grown mounted on cork and dries out completely in summer.

Lynn Campbell

- *Paphiopedilum Vogue Paradise* - a flower with a burgundy pouch, striped dorsal sepal, and spotted petals.

Break

PRESENTATION:

SOS executive member Calvin Lo travelled to Madagascar in mid-September, 2023 and went on an eco-tour through the Orchid Conservation Alliance (OCA), focusing on wild orchids. His presentation to us was titled:

Madagascar - An Orchid Conservation Alliance travelogue to the Great Red Island

Calvin's introduction gave an overview of the unique plant and animal life on the island, with over 100 species of lemurs, varied climates, and many endemic angraecoids, along with other terrestrial and epiphytic orchids. The OCA's aim is to preserve habitats in which orchids grow, and Calvin's tour mates included noted orchid enthusiasts Ron Parsons (photographer, author), and Johan Hermans (research associate at Kew, author).

Calvin described three areas that the group visited, and showed many photos of the orchids that they saw:

1. **Northeast rainforest** with high rainfall and varied elevations. Orchids seen include

- *Cynorkis rosellata* and *Cynorkis lowii*
- *Benthamia* species
- *Goodyear afzelii*
- epiphytics such as *Bulbophyllum* and *Oberonia*.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, CONTINUED

There were also angraecoids such as:

- *Oeonia rosea* - difficult to grow and needs very high humidity;
- *Aerangis fastuosa* - fragrant, easy to grow in cultivation;
- *Aerangis cryptodon* - a large plant;
- *Angraecum dryadum*, *Angraecum compactum*, and *Angraecum pterophyllum*

2. **South central highlands** with dry winters, hot summers, and very little native forest left, mostly introduced species.

In the taipa forests were *Angraecum rutenbergianum*.

In a local preserve, large granite boulders provided an ecosystem for lithophytes such as:

- *Sobbenikoffia humbertiana*
- *Jumellea*
- *Vanilla humblotii* - one of seven native vanilla species.

3. **Arid west** with dry plains, Bismarck palms, and sapphire mining.

Zombitse-Bohibisaa Park had;

- *Angraecum praestans* growing in desert-like conditions
- *Angraecum rostelleris*

Returning to the lush **northern rainforest**, Calvin showed photos of;

- *Cynorkis nutans*
- *Aeranthes schlechterii*

and a damp lichen forest with many orchids:

- *Angraecum lecomptei*
- *Bulbophyllum*
- *Aerangis modesta*

Calvin finished his presentation with photos of his most admired *Cymbidiella flabellata*, some lemurs, and briefly touched on the human impact on the environment alongside photos of local life.

ELECTIONS:

All positions were received by acclamation, with no additional nominations.

President - Shayne Feltis

Vice President - Vacant

Past President - Tracey Thue

Secretary - Jenn Burgess

Treasurer - Donna Carlson-O'Keefe

Social - Shirley Keith, Lynn Campbell

Plant Orders - Heather Anderson, David Schwinghamer

Resources - Don Keith, Tom Kondra

Librarian - Deb Huculiak

Newsletter - Tobi Fenton, Tracey Thue

COC/AOS Representative - Tom Keith

Speaker Coordinator - Heather Anderson

Facebook/Webmaster - Calvin Lo

PLANT SALE: A variety of about 20 orchids were for sale, including *Miltonia*, *Oncidium* and *Masdevallias*, along with some butterworts. All except two were sold.

50/50 DRAW: \$27.50 went to Pat Randall.

ADJOURNMENT: 4:00 pm

NOVEMBER SHOW AND TELL

Photos: Tracey Thue

Subtribe Aeridinae



Phalaenopsis tetraspis 'Green' x sib
Robbie Henderson



Sedirea japonica
Donna Carlson-O'Keefe

Subtribe Angraecinae



Angraecum leonis
Calvin Lo



Aerangis luteo-alba var. *rhodosticta*
Sara Thue
Photo by Sara Thue



Subtribe Coelogyninae

Dendrochilum javieriense

Tracey Thue

Photo by Sara Thue



Paphiopedilum King Arthur

Jenn Burgess

Subfamily Cypripedioideae



Paphiopedilum Enzan Red Hunting
x *Paph Cocoa Burrhill*

Deb Huculiak



Paphiopedilum fairrieae
Jenn Burgess



Paphiopedilum spicerianum
(‘Bostocks’ x ‘Wavy Gravy’)
Tracey Thue
Photo by Sara Thue



Paphiopedilum Vogue Paradise
Lynn Campbell



Phragmipedium Jason Fisher ‘BB’
Heather Anderson

Subtribe Dendrobiinae



Dendrobium Ueang Phueng
(*Den jenkinsii* x *Den lindleyi*)
Heather Anderson



Dendrobium Snow of Oriental* x *Den Son of Sansai
Robbie Henderson

Subtribe Laeliinae



Brassavola appendiculata
Calvin Lo



Brassolaeliocattleya George King 'Serendipity' AM/AOS
Pat Randall

Subtribe Laeliinae

***Laeliocattleya* Milton Warne 'Premier' AM/AOS
x *Potinara* Love Passion 'Island Romance'**

Pat Randall



Subtribe Oncidiinae

***Oncidium* Twinkle 'Yellow Bird'**

Jenn Burgess



Subtribe Pleurothallidinae

***Pleurothallis* rubella**

Shayne Feltis



NOVEMBER-DECEMBER PHOTOS BY MEMBERS



Habenaria rhodocheila

Sherry Fensom

I bought this plant from Clouds Orchids this summer as a challenge plant and didn't have high hopes that it would bloom, but it surprised me. I grow it in a south-facing window and water just as it's approaching dryness. Time will tell if I am successful bringing it back to life come spring, but I'm happy to see the flowers.



Caulocattleya Chantilly Lace 'Twinkle'

Donna Carlson O'Keefe

From Ching Hua
This has a delightful fragrance!
Grown under lights.



***Rhyncholaeliocattleya Village Chief North
'Green Genie'***

Donna Carlson-O'Keefe

Purchased from Ten Shin in April, 2023
Grown under lights.



Oncidium Twinkle Fantasy
Lynn Campbell



Paphiopedilum Shun-Fa Alex x Hung
Sheng Jewel
Lynn Campbell

Paphiopedilum Sorcerer's Stone x Green Gem
Lynn Campbell



Oncidium Twinkle 'Pink Profusion'
Tobi Fenton





***Phragmipedium Eugene Conroy 'Lorne Ellis'* AM/AOS**
Tom Kondra



Paphiopedilum wardii alba
Tom Kondra



***Phragmipedium Magdalene Rose* 4N**
Heather Anderson





Cycnoches warszewiczii
Shayne Feltis



Gongora catilagera
Shayne Feltis



***Miltoniopsis* hybrid NOID**

Shayne Feltis

One of the progenitors is *Miltoniopsis roezlii*. You can see it in the shape of the bulbs and the soft, grey-green colour of the leaves. It was purchased from Clade Orchids, Edmonton.



***Paphiopedilum* Group**

Tracey Thue

From left: *Paph* Golden Crest, *Paph* Olympian
Yard x Green Gem, *Paph venustum*, *Paph*
spicerianum, Front: *Paph fairrieianum*.



***Paphiopedilum venustum* 'Longlife '27' x
'Master' HCC/AOS**

Tracey Thue

Purchased from Tropical Gardens Orchids at
2015 COC when SOS hosted the show.



***Paphiopedilum* King Arthur**

Jennifer Burgess

Brought to the November Show and Tell, but now in
full bloom!



***Brassanthe* Maikai 'Mayumi'**

Jennifer Burgess
Grown under lights.



***Phragmipedium* Eric Young 'Slim Creek' AM/AOS**
Bob Lucas



Phragmipedium* China Dragon var. *flavum
Bob Lucas



***Phalaenopsis* Katherine Norton '11'**
Bob Lucas



Aerangis mystacidium

Heather Anderson
Purchased from Gold
Country this past fall.



Psygmorchis pusilla

Heather Anderson
Blooms frequently and
for a long time.



Masdevallia towarensis

Heather Anderson
Purchased in spike from an SOS
member last fall.



Dendrobium aberrans x sib

Heather Anderson
Purchased from Kelly McCracken, High Desert
Orchids in 2022 after she did a Zoom
presentation for SOS in January. These are the
first blooms for me. Slow for the blooms too open,
but it appears that they will last a long time.



Cattleya Cariad's Mini-Quinee 'Angel Kiss' HCC/AOS

Pat Randall

From Ching Hua Orchids. Usually blooms once a year but this year it has bloomed twice.



Cattleya Jumbo Beat

Pat Randall

An old favourite that I got from a friend in 2015. It's been divided many times. It blooms reliably in December or January. There is another bud behind these ones, ready to open.



***Rhyncholaeliocattleya Betty Hamilton x
Cattleya percivaliana***

Pat Randall

I got this from Don Hawker of Maldawn Orchids, Edmonton. He made the cross himself. It blooms every winter. There is a spike with 2 more buds behind this one.



***Cattleya percivaliana* 'Summit' FCC/AOS**

Pat Randall

I got this from Terry Letendre in 2011. The 'Summit' cultivar is one of the best of this species.



***Cymbidium* NOID**

Pat Randall

One of my favourite orchids, given to me by society member James Sather. It blooms reliably every winter. It needs to be left outdoors until the temperatures are at least 0C or very close to it. This stimulates the bloom. Then it is brought indoors and kept in good light.



***Cattleya* Florence Lin x *Brassanthe* Maikai**

Pat Randall

A Sunset Valley Orchids plant. This took a few years of blooms before they began to look nice, with better shape and more of them. This one is a deeper burgundy in real life.



***Brassocattleya* Little
Mermaid 'Janet'**
Robert Wilson



Cattleya percivaliana
Robert Wilson



***Brassolaeliocattleya* Empress Worsley
'Roman Holiday'**
Robert Wilson



***Laelia purpurata* 'Striata'**
Robert Wilson

***Rhyncholaeliocattleya* Ports of Paradise
'Green Ching Hua'**
Robert Wilson





Cattleya jenmanii f. rubra

Grown by Tracey Thue

Photo by Sara Thue

Words by Tobi Fenton

Where does a species hide itself from a frenzied, botany-mad world of collectors and merchants, their collective mind ruthless and undaunted in the quest to find and describe and sell every exotic plant in the forest of a new world?

Deep in the jungled density of an ucuuba forest, perhaps, perched in the canopy where its fragrance drifted through the humid air to lure a beetle pollinator? Undisturbed for centuries by jaguarundi and harpy eagles who were focused only on their own secretive work. Did the honey-seeking kinkajous visit the gloriously scented flowers, hoping for a taste of nectar?

Has its ecological luck run out?

Will the lumber and beef-hungry 21st century end its days of free-flowering splendour in the jungle? Is its future to be in the loving hands of orchid growers? who try desperately to mimic the climate but can never produce the majesty of a biologically rich Venezuelan forest.