

# NEWSLETTER

*Saskatchewan*



*Orchid Society*

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## Future Meeting Dates:

Saturday, Nov. 25, 2023 Elim Church

Saturday, Jan. 27, 2024 Elim Church

## SOS Executive

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**October Meeting - Saturday, October 21, 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:

**Vendor Plant Sale - opens @ 1:00 pm**  
Paph Paradise Orchids  
Gold Country Orchids

**Meeting starts @ 1:30pm**

**Announcements**

#### Problem Corner

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

#### Show and Tell

**Break** 50:50 ticket sales, Resources sales, Library, pre-order pickup, vendor sales

**Presentation - Dave Sorokowsky, Paph Paradise**

**Plant Sale - Paph Paradise and Gold Country Orchids**

**Member's Plant Sale**

**50:50 Draw**

**Adjournment**

**This meeting will not be  
offered by Zoom**



**Our October 21, 2023 meeting will be held at:**

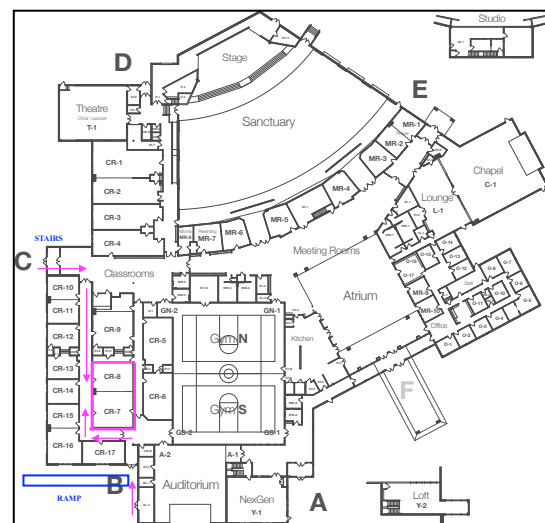
**Elim Church 419 Slimmon Road,  
Saskatoon, Classrooms 7&8**

*Link to Google directions:*

[https://www.google.com/maps/place/Elim+Church/@52.1000955,-106.5639598,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m6!3m5!1s0x5304f3e234ab6cab:0xa95d3531805b4fc718m2!3d52.1000955!4d-106.5613795!16s%2Fq%2F1tfn\\_n!entry=ttu](https://www.google.com/maps/place/Elim+Church/@52.1000955,-106.5639598,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m6!3m5!1s0x5304f3e234ab6cab:0xa95d3531805b4fc718m2!3d52.1000955!4d-106.5613795!16s%2Fq%2F1tfn_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.*



## OCTOBER GUEST SPEAKER

### Dave Sorokowsky, Paph Paradise

#### "Don't Fear the Slippers"

After receiving his degree in biochemistry from the University of Toronto, Dave opted to step outside his chosen field and operated a tropical fish import business for eight years. Upon returning to school, Dave received a degree in enology and viticulture from Brock University in St. Catharines, Ontario. While attending Brock, Dave began acquiring orchids, one 2-inch pot at a time and, before he graduated, Dave had over one hundred orchids. About one year later, winemaking and a passion for orchids prompted Dave to seek a warmer climate in California.

Dave has been growing paphiopedilums for about fifteen years and seriously hybridizing for the past ten years. He is an accredited AOS judge and his paphiopedilums have received over 100 awards to date from the AOS and CSA. Many of those awarded plants play important roles in his breeding program.

In 2018, Dave left winemaking in order to focus all of his time running Paph Paradise Orchids.

## PRE-ORDERED PLANTS

Please pick up your pre-ordered Gold Country Orchids and Paph Paradise plants during the October general meeting. If you are unable to attend, contact Heather at [orders@saskorchids.com](mailto:orders@saskorchids.com) to make arrangements for pick-up.

If you haven't already paid for your Gold Country Orchids order, please pay by e-transfer to [payment@saskorchids.com](mailto:payment@saskorchids.com)

Heather has received the invoice for Paph Paradise and will email you the amount you owe. Please pay this amount (**in cash**) to Dave Sorokowsky when you pick up your plants.

Dave will be bringing plants from **Paph Paradise and Gold Country Orchids** for sale during the general meeting. **Prices in \$CAD; payment by cash.**



## SOS Members' Plant Sale Table

Members are welcome to bring plants to sell to other SOS members. We will have two separate plant sales tables, one for the vendors' plants and one for the SOS members' plants.

## 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)



## SOS EXECUTIVE

### Interested in volunteering on the Executive but are unsure of the duties or time involved?

At the October meeting, be brave and approach the member of the executive position you're keen on (see the Executive list on Page 1) and ask about shadowing them for a while.

Learn about the position by helping, then consider standing for that position next year.

**New energy and ideas are always welcome!**

### Reminder: 2023 Executive Election will be held at the November meeting.

Nominees' names will be listed in the November newsletter.

## RESOURCES

### Orchiata bark:

Currently we have a limited supply of Power+ and Classic. We are expecting to receive a shipment of Orchiata after the October SOS General meeting.

We will then be offering four sizes of Orchiata in 35L bags:

Power+ (a larger size bark)

Power (a medium size bark)

Classic (a small size bark)

Precision (a new size of smaller bark)

We are offering to make a list of those individuals who would be interested in:

Full bags (35L) - \$65.00

Half bags (17.5L) - \$35.00

*The 3L bags will still be available for \$8 per bag (price increase to adjust for the increase in cost and shipping).*

Email Don or Tom with your order and/or place an order on a list that will be available at the General Meeting.

## FUTURE GUEST SPEAKER

**Calvin Lo, SOS**

Orchids of Madagascar

November 25, 2023



*Paphiopedilum* Color My World 'Shocker' x *Paph.* Jenna Marie 'Sparkle' HCC/AOS, B/CSA

Grown and photographed by Lynn Campbell

## SOS Email address for purchases by e-transfer

Please send all e-transfer purchases to: [payment@saskorchids.com](mailto:payment@saskorchids.com)

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

## SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**DATE:** September 23, 2023 1:30 p.m. CST

**LOCATION:** Elim Church, 419 Slimmon Road

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Vice-President Shayne Feltis welcomed everyone to the meeting. He led today's meeting as President Tracey Thue was unable to attend.
- Thank you to Cheryl Grummett for stepping in as Treasurer for Donna Carlson O'Keefe, who was also away.
- Don Keith reported that the supplies table was clearing out pots, mostly 2" and 3", and selling them at half price. There were also donated clay pots for \$6 each.
- Plant sale table: please enter your member number in a draw with Cheryl Grummett, so that your name can be drawn; you can then go up to choose a plant to purchase.
- We will have a Zoom presentation from Francisco Miranda.
- 50/50 tickets are available to purchase. 1 for \$1.00; 3 for \$2.00 from Cheryl Grummett.

### PROBLEM CORNER:

A member expressed her dismay that a vandal did not survive. It had a problem that affected the plant's stem, with leaves that fell off before the problem could be properly addressed.

### SHOW AND TELL:

Robert Henderson photographed the plants for the newsletter.

#### Don Keith:

1. *Lepanthes telipogoniflora* - acquired from Ecuagenera. It is grown in his cool room and kept moist. It had one red flower and 3 buds.
2. *Pleurothallis rubella* - acquired two years ago from another member.
3. *Masdevallia niesseniae* - 2020 from Ecuagenera. It was a large plant when it arrived. It had many yellow to orange flowers and grown in a basket. The OSPF is holding a remote judging event in Edmonton not connected to a show; Don is contemplating taking this plant.

#### Bob Lucas:

1. *Paphiopedilum charlesworthii* 'BB' - a species with three chocolate, green and strawberry-coloured blossoms. It is grown in Orchata, watered twice a week and fertilized weekly.

#### Lynn Campbell:

1. *Paphiopedilum Tinicum* (*Paph glaucophyllum* x *Paph concolor*) - 2 cream-coloured blooms. It has been in Lynn's collection for many years. It is grown in an east windowsill and watered weekly.
2. *Phalaenopsis bellina* - ordered from J&L Orchids last year. Came in spike and has been a sequential bloomer since May. It's grown under lights in the winter and watered once or twice/week. It seems to do better with more frequent watering.

#### Heather Anderson:

1. *Bulbophyllum Elizabeth Ann* 'Buckleberry' FCC/ AOS - Heather keeps it in her orchidarium, which maintains very high humidity.
2. *Dendrobium Aussie's Hi-Lo* - red yellow; from Ten Shin and grown mounted. It has been blooming all summer, and has done better for Heather than the species *Den. cuthbertsonii*.
3. *Pleurothallis rubella* - small blooms but it does bloom frequently.

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, CONT.

### Cody Hamilton:

1. ***Brassocatanthe Cheryle Daniel*** (*Brassocattleya* Maikai 'Lea' 4n AM/ AOS x *Cattleya* Caudebec 'Linwood' 4n AM/ AOS) - from Sunset Valley Orchids. Cody suspects that this purple-flowered cross is now named Cheryle Daniel. A division of this plant is on the sales table. (Editor's note: confirmed registered name is *Brassocatanthe* Cheryle Daniel.)
2. ***Cattleya* (Slc.) Angel Eyes x *Cattleya* (Pot.) Virginia Dickey** - also acquired from SVO. As Cody was hoping for a flower with flared petals. this pretty little flower is going on the sales table. (Editor's note: registered name is *Cattleya* Virginia's Eyes.)

### Merle Ward:

1. ***Rhyncholaeliocattleya Village Chief Rose 'Gangshan King'*** (*Rlc.* Taiwan Queen x *Rlc.* Chunyeah) - this was grown outside in the shade all summer and rewarded Merle with a striking yellow flower with burgundy-edged petals.

### PRESENTATION:

Due to technical difficulties, we were unable to show the presentation via the TV or projector, so it was viewed via the laptop screen.

Francisco Miranda presented to us Part 1 of a three-part series - Brazilian Orchid Habitats: the Amazon. Francisco is a taxonomist, naturalist and orchid grower. He travels extensively in the U.S. and internationally, speaking at orchid-related events and meetings. He has been doing this since 1988 while still living in Brazil. The subjects of these presentations reflect Francisco's extensive travels to study orchids in their natural environments. Miranda Orchids is located between Orlando and Tampa, Florida.

Francisco discussed and showed many photos of different species of orchids growing in their natural habitats, found in the low-lands of Brazil. He spoke of the various types of low-land habitats, including dry land forests, *campina* (open forest), *igapo* (seasonally flooded forests), and *varzeas* (flood plains). He explained the geography and function of the forests with cycles of tree growth, nutrients, and water over the changing seasons. Temperatures do not vary much in the equatorial regions, but are warmer at lower elevations. There was a wide range of orchids in the different microclimates, from higher in the trees to down near the tree roots.

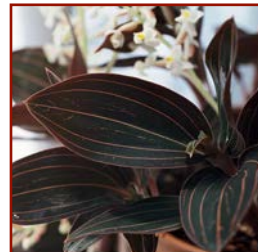
Francisco was able to bring to us his personal experiences in these tropical areas, stories about rainy nights spent sleeping in the jungle and contending with the wildlife and insects.

### PLANT SALE:

Thank you to Sharon Klein who gifted many *Maxillaria tenuifolia* and two cattleya hybrids that came from the collection of Mercedes Montgomery, a past member. These plants were all marked as \$2 on the sales table for the benefit of both members and the SOS. In all, there were about three dozen plants, including many cattleya hybrids, jewel orchids, vanilla, and the *Maxillaria tenuifolia*. All were sold.

**50/50 DRAW:** Total sales were \$70. \$35 went to the winner, Heather Anderson.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting was adjourned by Shayne at 3:55 pm. There were 22 members and 2 guests in attendance.



**AOS Western Canada Judging Centre - August 12, 2023 Judging Results**

**Judges:** Monica De Wit, David Edgley, Ben Rostron, Abu Salleh, Ryan Young, Jennifer Atkins (student), Ellie van der Hoven (student)

**Photographers:** Maureen Burke, Collis Wilson

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



***Dracula Roque Sevilla 'Ruth Julie'* AM/AOS 81pts**  
(*Dracula Raven* x *Dracula minax*)  
Exhibitor: John Mills



***Paphiopedilum myanmaricum 'Ripple'* CHM/AOS 82 pts**  
(award provisional pending SITF identification)  
Exhibitor: Lori Barrington

**AOS Western Canada Judging Centre - September 9, 2023 Judging Results**

**Judges:** David Edgley, Stanley Luk, Abu Salleh, Deborah Ward, Poul Hansen, Paul Paludet (associate)

**Photographer:** Alexey Tretyakov

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



***Bulbophyllum claptonense* h.f. *flavum* 'Kittiwake'**  
**AM/AOS 86pts**  
Exhibitor: Leda Bower



***Bulbophyllum* Krairit Vejvarut 'Kittiwake'**  
**AM/AOS 83pts**  
(*Bulb. longissimum* x *Bulb. phalaenopsis*)  
Exhibitor: Lori Barrington

**AOS Western Canada Judging Centre - Orchid Society of Alberta Outreach Judging results September 30, 2023**

**Judges:** Monica De Wit, David Edgley, Abu Salleh, Jennifer Atkins (student), Ellie van der Hoven (student), Hendrik van der Hoven (student)

**Photographer:** Abu Salleh

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



***Phalaenopsis Penang Girl 'Calade'* HCC/AOS 75 pts**  
(*Phal. violacea* x *Phal. venosa*)  
Exhibitor: Calade Orchids



***Paphiopedilum Hung Sheng Jupiter 'MAST'* AM/AOS 82 pts**  
(*Paph. Benkei* x *Paph. adductum* var. *anatum*)  
Exhibitor: Tien Klassen



## SEPTEMBER SHOW AND TELL

Photos by Robbie Henderson



*Paphiopedilum charlesworthii* 'BB'  
Bob Lucas



*Sophrolaeliocattleya* Angel Eyes x *Potinara*  
Virginia Dickey  
Cody Hamilton



*Masdevallia niessenia*  
Don Keith



*Pleurothallis rubella*  
Don Keith



*Paphiopedilum* Tinicum  
Lynn Campbell



*Phalaenopsis bellina*  
Lynn Campbell



*Lepanthes telipogoniflora*  
Don Keith





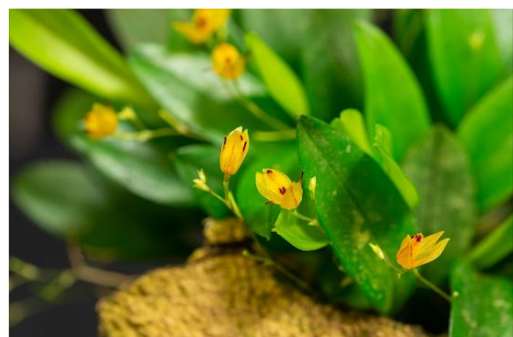
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Heather Anderson



***Brassocatanthe* Cheryle Daniel**  
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4n AM/AOS)  
Cody Hamilton



***Dendrobium* Aussie's Hi-Low red yellow**  
Heather Anderson



***Pleurothallis* rubella**  
Heather Anderson



***Rhyncholaeliocattleya* Village Chief Rose 'Gangshan King'**  
(*Rlc.* Taiwan Queen x *Rlc.* Chunyeah)  
Merle Ward

## 2024 SOS Orchid Calendar Fundraiser

Sara Thue has produced another gorgeous calendar for the SOS, preview below. Calendars will once again be \$15 each. An order form will be passed around at the October meeting; indicate how many you would like to order so we know how many to have printed.

**Payment by e-transfer to [payment@saskorchids.com](mailto:payment@saskorchids.com)**

Cash or cheques also accepted at the November meeting. Calendars will be printed and available for pickup at the November meeting.

Members not at the October meeting are asked to email Deb Huculiak [hucuh@sasktel.net](mailto:hucuh@sasktel.net) with the number of calendars you would like to order.

