

Orchiflora

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***Monthly General Meetings** – held the 4th Wednesday of each month (except July, August and December)

****We will continue to hold virtual Meetings & Culture Classes for the foreseeable future.***

You need to instal Cisco Webex on your computer, tablet or mobile phone to participate in our virtual meetings and culture classes.

***Join a meeting/class in one of the following ways:**

Click on this link: <https://vancouverorchidsociety.my.webex.com/meet/vosexecutive> or open the Cisco Webex program and enter this meeting number 142 001 4949 in the Enter meeting information field, under Join a Meeting.

Culture Class – Tuesday, March 9 – at 6:30 pm

- Terry Lee will discuss reblooming phalaenopsis

Monthly Meeting Wednesday, March 24 at 7:00pm **note time change

President’s welcome & general announcements

- Speaker – Thomas Hobbs (Southlands Garden Center) will share his tips on growing Cymbidiums

Next Culture Class – Tuesday, April 13 – at 6:30 pm

- Jennifer Fabre will present a class on “Tips and Tricks I’ve learned by trial and error’

Next Monthly Meeting – Wednesday, April 28 – at 7:00 pm

- Dave Sorokowsky (Paph Paradise) will be speaking on Multifloral Paphiopedilums

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****AOS Judging - The Western Canada Judging Center (WCJC) meetings are cancelled until further notice****

President's Message

Unfortunately, our March show has been canceled, however it is timely that most of our vendors have provided us with an opportunity to order and purchase a variety of orchids. It is time to watch for new growth, because almost all plants are beginning their growth cycle. Also watch for those orchids needing repotting. Repotting provides us with an opportunity to inspect our plants for pests and remove diseased or damaged portions and prepare them for moving outdoors.

While toxic pesticides are being phased out, we all must become better ecologists. The key aspect of the nontoxic approach to growing orchids is constant attention to the plants and the conditions they receive. Our skill in establishing and maintaining healthy environments for many kinds of orchids determine their survival. The most effective orchid survival maintenance is the gardener's shadow.

Thanks to all who showed their beautiful orchids on our virtual show table. As we become more competent in managing artificial ecologies in a healthy, long term and stable way we too can appreciate our own cheerful display. Our March class on Tuesday March 9 will be presented by Terry Lee who will discuss how to rebloom phalaenopsis orchids. Our April culture class Tuesday April 13 th will be a helpful tool filled with "Tips and Tricks I've learned by trial and error" presented by Jennifer Fabre. One of the bonuses to being a member is the sharing of information in our culture classes and our WhatsApp group. Join us by emailing vos_secretary@outlook.com Members are encouraged to send pictures of your orchids to be posted on our Website, our Facebook page or our Instagram sites by emailing: vos_secretary@outlook.com We hope to see your orchids posted.

Stay healthy and safe. I hope to see you all soon.

Evelyn Nash

Minutes of virtual Meeting of the Vancouver Orchid Society – February 24, 2021, 7 pm
Hosted virtually on Cisco Webex

Thank you to the following members for presenting at our virtual display table:
Wayne Riggs, Jennifer Pell, Ingrid Pike, Gabrielle Carson, Melanie Gallacher and Daniel Kwok

Speaker Series:

- Thomas Hobbs will be speaking at our March meeting on Cymbidiums
- Dave Sorokowsky will be speaking in April on Multifloral Paphiopedilums

- Dr. Leslie Ee will be speaking in May on Black Orchids

Culture Class:

- March’s culture class will be presented by Terry Lee on Reblooming Phalaenopsis
- Jennifer Fabre will present in April on Tips and Tricks Learned through Trial and Error

Treasurer’s report:

The term deposit that matures on March 16th of this year will be cashed out. We will look into making sure all corporate members have renewed their membership and reach out to other potential corporate members.

Membership renewal is down from previous years, so Maureen proposed phoning members to encourage those who have not already to renew for 2021.

Jennifer Pell motioned to accept the treasurer’s report and Andrew Wong seconded it.

Other Business:

The Whatsapp chat groups will be merged on March 1st.

Thank you to Gabrielle Carson for donating plants for our online raffle/auction.

Membership Renewal

Hi everyone. If you have not already done so it is time to renew your membership in the VOS. Membership in the Society is a bargain at \$30 per year/household. The VOS is your home base for everything orchids! You will receive our monthly newsletter, notices about up coming orchid pre-orders, guest speakers and culture classes to enhance your knowledge and growing expertise.

We also encourage you to recruit new members to the VOS – other family members, your neighbors, and friends. Time to infect them with the ORCHID VIRUS which results in the illness of orchid addiction. Like us, once they have one plant, they will not be able to avoid getting more!

The membership form is attached in pdf format. All you need to do is download the form, print, complete and send to the VOS postal address listed on the form.

If you prefer to renew digitally online, please see the Email from the VOS Secretary dated January 21, 2021 or the reminder email sent on March 1, 2021.

Thank you, The VOS Executive

VOS Elections

It is customary to inform the membership of the Vancouver Orchid Society of executive and board of director nominations prior to the AGM usually held at the June membership meeting.

Membership Nomination Chair Report

The Nomination Committee: Eugene Banziger (Chair), Daniel Kwok and Don Harquail

Positions open:

President: Evelyn Nash, has finished her term.

Membership: Grant Rampton, stepping down.

Members nominated and have accepted:

President, Jennifer Pell

Past President, Evelyn Nash

Membership, Andrew Wong

Director, Vivien Chung-Lee

Existing positions – the following members have agreed to continue in their roles:

Vice President - Barbara Cable	Directors: Eugene Banziger
2nd. Vice President - Ingrid Pike	Keith Willett
Treasurer - Maureen Burke	Gabrielle Carson
Secretary - Conor Preston	Giulia Comin, - Acting as Volunteer Coordinator
Others:	Andrew Wong, - Acting as Membership Coordinator
Library, Frank Skelton	
Kitchen, Donna Leong	

Thank you to all members of the nominations committee for their work in contacting and selecting individuals to stand for election in these important roles.

Orchid Digest Day – Jennifer Pell

Thank you Jennifer for sharing the following information you received from the Orchid Digest Group.

"Exciting things continue to happen at Orchid Digest. The Paph Forum & Paph Guild Present an International Speakers Day: A Virtual Experience on Saturday, March 20, 2021 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM PDT"

Click on the following link to see the speaker line up and to register for this event:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/regi.../3375512105204310544>

You can also submit photos of your blooming orchids for the people's Choice Award here <http://www.ncos.us/paph-forum/>

More information on the Orchid Digest Group is available on their website:

<https://www.orchiddigest.org/>

Orchid Pest Management – Gabrielle Carson

Homemade 2% horticultural oil spray for bug control:

250ml water

5ml (1 tsp) Baby oil/mineral oil

2 drops dishwashing liquid

Shake well before and during application to keep the oil well mixed in the solution.

Recently I have replaced some of the water with about 1/4 - 1/3 rubbing alcohol (60 – 80 ml). The alcohol helps the solution dry a bit faster after it has been sprayed on the plants.

Some of my plants had, what I think were thrips (but I cannot confirm), which kept coming back on select plants. For my catasetums that had this problem, when they went into dormancy, I scrubbed the plants down. I removed all the media, dead roots, dried sheaths, and gently scrubbed the plants with a soft toothbrush to remove remnants as best as I could. I grow them in semi-hydro so I also microwaved the leca to kill anything that could have been alive in the media. Generally speaking, I find that scrubbing plants down to be pretty helpful to remove pests - the nice thing about catasetums is that they go dormant, so it is easy to get them really clean.

Thanks, Gabrielle, for sharing your bug spray formula & other pest management tips.

Growing Paphiopedilums in hydroponic mesh pots – Sasha Kubicek

I have had good success with growing Paphiopedilum plants in hydroponic mesh pots. They come in all sizes at your local Hydroponic store. I line the bottom and sides with sphagnum moss and then put the paph inside the cavity. I then use either a perlite sphagnum or styrofoam sphagnum mix to fill in the middle. A pencil helps push down the medium to fill in the gaps between roots. The extra air circulation I find really gets better roots for my paphs and I can feel the weight of the pots easily to see how wet things are. Adding a saucer on the bottom for lower humidity situation also works well to not have the pots dry out as fast.



Thank you, Sasha, for sharing this very interesting method of growing your paphs.

Orchids with personalities – submitted by Melanie Gallacher

Thank you, Melanie, for sharing these photos; some orchids are real imitators!



Angel Orchid



Ballerina Orchid



Dove Orchid



Flying Duck Orchid



Laughing Bumble Bee Orchid



Monkey Face Orchid



Swaddled Babies Orchid



Flying Egret Orchid



Darth Vader Orchid

VOS Member Photos – Thank you for contributing to our virtual show table!

Christopher Vanderkooi



Howeara Lava Burst

Valerie Melanson



Diodonopsis erinacea – close up view – more than 20 blossoms and buds!

Valerie Melanson



Exoterra case – Diodonopsis erinacea along with masdevallias

Sasha Kubicek



Onc. tigriodes

Sasha Kubicek

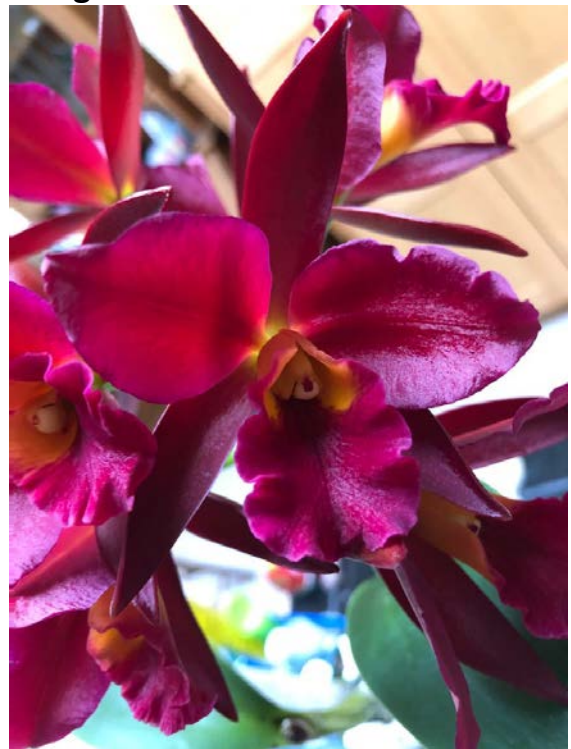


Paph. schoeserii

Margaret Prat



Paph. Fanaticum



Slc. Mae Hawkins 'Golden Wax' x Blc. 'Chocolate Sun'

Don Bednarczyk



Den. Golden Aya

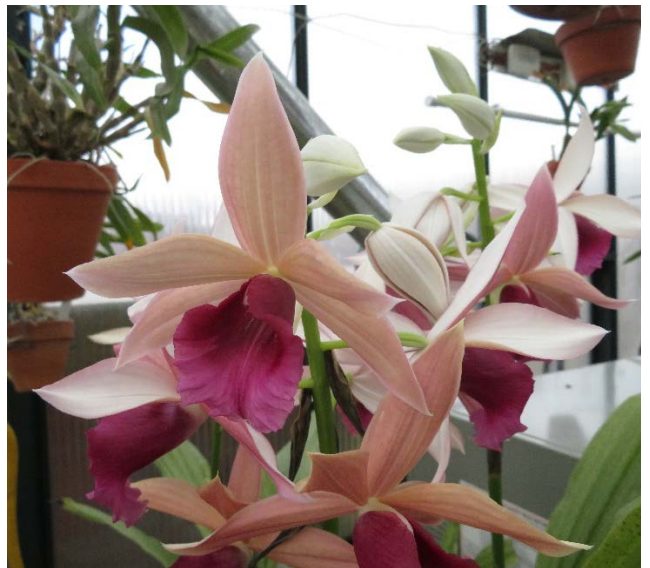
Don Bednarczyk



Cattlianthe loddica



Rlc. Princess Shasta



**Gastrophaius Micro Burst 'Oktoberfest'
AM/AOS**

Jennifer Fabre



Paph. venustum fma album

Jennifer Fabre



C. Arizona



Coel. sparsa



Lyc. ciliata

Carla and Bill Bischoff



Paph. malipoense



Paph. sukhakulii

Carla and Bill Bischoff



Sophronitis coccinea

Gabrielle Carson



Phal. NOID – growing in a cup (no media)

Melanie Gallacher



Paph. vietnamense

Melanie Gallacher



C. Tropical Pointer



Den. Pittero Gold



Den. Super Isle 'Fragrant Bouquet'

Peter Zhao



Phrag. Cardinale 'Birchwood' – a total of 10 flowers and buds when photographed.



Onc. Sharry Baby

Peter Zhao



Cym. lowianum

Vivien Chung

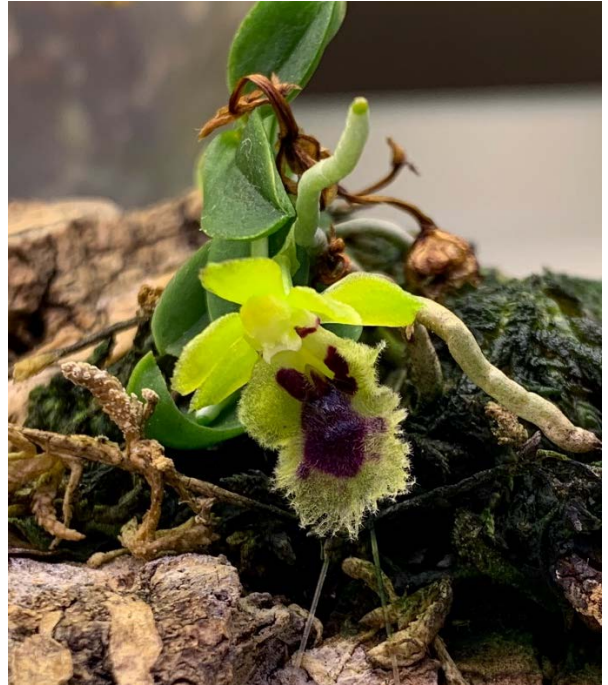


Den.loddigesii – 2 kikis – first bloom. Grown in sphagnum moss under lights. Allowed to dry out between waterings. Scented.



Ludisia discolor – whimsical tiny flowers. Spike is 13 inches (33 cm) long.

Vivien Chung



Gastrochilus retrocallus (Haraella retrocalla). Develops a new bud every month or so. Should have a lemon scent.



Den. normanbyense – species from New Guinea. Purple spots & lip pattern along with vanilla scent make this a favorite.

Jim Poole



Paph. Liberty Taiwan

Jim Poole



Lyc. Wyld Peach



Stanhopea billbosa



C. Schroederae

Marilyn Lew

Marilyn Lew



Blc. Blanche Aisaka 'Hawaii'



C. trianaei fma quasi-alba



**Blc. Hawaiian Discovery 'Florescent Orange'
HCC/AOS x Pot. William Farrell 'Native Son'**



Lc. Betty Ford 'York'

Richard Pearson



Den. delicatum 'Madam'

Richard Pearson



Den. kingianum 'Violet Flush'

Wayne Riggs



Den. Star of Gold x Dunokayla



Den. Illusion Embers

Lori Barrington



Angr. sesquipedale

Lori Barrington



Paph. Liberty Taiwan (micranthum x hangianum)



Den. Pixie Charm (Yellow chinsai x unicum)



Phal. tetrapsis 'coffee'

Eugene Banziger



Cattlianthe Jardin del Azuay (*L. harpophylla* x *Soph. coccinea* x *C. Trick or Treat*)

Eugene Banziger



Rhyncattleanthe La Perla de Guayaquil



**Jumellea arachnantha – very fragrant.
Endemic to Comoran Is. and E. Africa**

Jennifer Pell



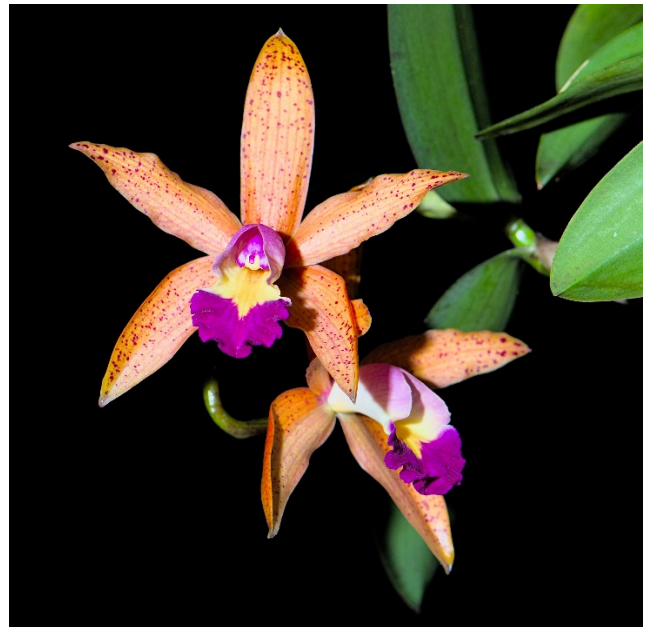
Left: Paph. NOID – a vini color Maudiae cross. Grown in s/h. I got it from a nursery up the valley (Sunrise Garden Centre, Abbotsford), years ago (around 2013).

Right: Paph. Pulsar x Cyberspace x charlesworthii. Grown in a mix of leca and orchiatia, I got it from the raffle table at our last in-person meeting, Feb. 2020.



Bulb. Elizabeth Ann 'Buckleberry' FCC/AOS. "Little old men blowing raspberries" - a close up of one flower. I grow this mounted and got it from Merv Lutes in 2017 when he was selling most of his orchid collection.

Jennifer Pell



Lc. Tropical Pointer. I got this from Melanie Gallagher in 2015 - it is potted in leca in a clay pot.



Paph. NOID. I grow in s/h and got from Sunrise Garden Centre around 2014.

Daniel Kwok



Cym. goeringii 'Mo Yin' HCC/AOS

Daniel Kwok



Phal. sedirea japonica

Wayne Riggs



Phal. cornu-cervi



Amesella monticola

Don Harquail



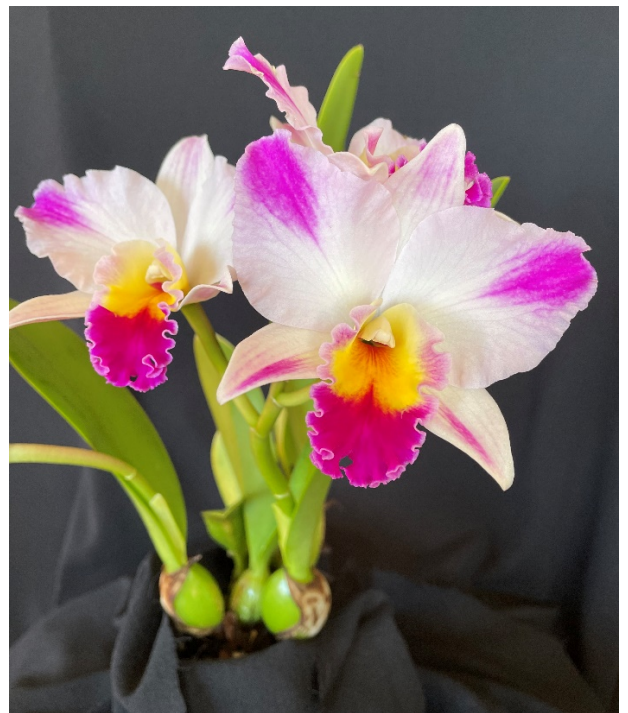
Soph. coccinea x soph. mantiqueirae x xanthocheila. From Ecuagenera in 2017. Growing under LED light.

Wayne Riggs



Brassavola Little Stars

Wayne Riggs



Lc. Tokyo Magic '6-1' AM/AOS x Pot. Martha Clark 'Amazing'

Silvia Fabry



C. Cariads Mini Quinee 'Angel Kiss'

Silvia Fabry



C. Violacea



Mirmecatavola Francis Fox



C. Luddemaniana

Ricky Leung



Den. kingianum. Growing in an enclosed front porch. Night temperature commonly drops to 5C.



****Phal. speciosa 'Coffee'**

Ricky Leung



****Lycaste Yi Ying Sakura**



****Phal. Tying Shin Flying Eagle**

****In a grow room under T5 LED lights at intermediate to warm temperatures.**

Elizabeth Mark



Rth. Shinfong Little Sun 'Youngmin Golden Boy' (Rth. Golden Girl x Rth. Taida Love Story). Growing in leca under LED light.

Elizabeth Markus



Coel. Cristata. Growing in leca in a cool greenhouse year-round.

Thank you everyone for sharing these photos of your orchids for others to enjoy. Great color and variety.

Executive and Board of Directors

- President – Evelyn Nash
- 1st Vice President – Barbara Cable
- 2nd Vice President – Ingrid Pike
- Treasurer – Maureen Burke and Erik Nilsen (Co-Treasurers)
- Secretary – Conor Preston
- Directors:
 - Eugene Banziger
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 - Giulia Comin
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 - Andrew Wong

NOTE: Contributions of photos or articles to the newsletter are welcome. If you wish to write a short culture note or pass along some 'secret' growing tips that you find makes your orchids thrive and bloom well, please email to me so I can include in a future newsletter.

Send to Wayne Riggs:
wayne.riggs66@gmail.com

The submission deadline is the 8th of each month. Items received after this date will appear in the next newsletter.

Social Media:

Instagram - VOS member Conor Preston has established an Instagram account to generate public interest in growing orchids. Please visit:

<https://www.instagram.com/vancouverorchidsociety/>

If you would like to post photos of your flowering orchids, please get in touch with Conor at: conorpreston88@gmail.com

WhatsApp – VOS chatroom - Daniel Kwok has established Chatrooms for VOS members to post photos of their orchids, ask questions about plant health or growing tips. It is a great forum to learn from others and to share your plant photos and growing conditions.

We would like to encourage new VOS members, and current members who have not joined the VOS chatroom, to get in touch with Daniel at: dkwok3580@gmail.com (Tel: 604 805-3866) to be added.

Facebook-You can also follow us on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/VancouverOrchidSociety/>

Facebook/Instagram - Photos of your orchids needed

Photos of your flowering orchids (and basic information on growing conditions) are needed for the VOS **Facebook Page and Instagram**. This is a great way to promote our love of orchids to other growers and the public. Send your photos to Jennifer Pell/Conor Preston at: VOS_secretary@outlook.com