

Our Affiliations

The Victoria Orchid Society is not only on good terms with our other neighbouring orchid societies, like CVIOS in Nanaimo and the Vancouver and Fraser Valley orchid societies on the lower mainland. We send our electronic newsletter to many other groups and receive their back in return – no cost involved.

We have, almost twenty years ago, formed the British Columbia Orchid Congress, short BCOC, to include not only the four coastal societies but also the orchid growers in the interior of BC.

The BCOC exists to help our different groups work together in order to achieve more efficiency in the planning of shows, meetings, plant schedules for exhibitions, speaker coordination and other things that come up.

We are members of the Canadian Orchid Congress (COC), which assists Canadian orchidists with cultural information geared to our more Northerly climate, with articles on growing orchids in Canada, regulations for import and export of orchids, the COC insurance, subsidies to hold the COC AGM and more.

In addition, we are members of the BC Council of Garden Clubs (BCCGC), which opens the doors for us to learn about other local plant people and in turn, let them know more about us.

We are members of the American Orchid Society (AOS), which enables us to hold AOS sanctioned shows, which offer judging by well-informed and trained personnel and publishes the AOS monthly magazine with useful information to orchid growers.

We are also members of the Orchid Digest Corporation (ODC), which offers one of the best quarterly publications about orchids anywhere.

We are also subscribing to the British Orchid Review – the oldest orchid-related publication in the world.

All of the above listed organizations offer at least a quarterly – if not monthly – newsletter or magazine and you can either access these through the Internet or look for them in our library.