

Victoria Orchid Society



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Henk Oudt grew this beautiful Basket of Masdevallia that was chosen as the best display at the June meeting.

Meetings:

2011 Fall

- September 27
- October 25
- November 22
- December 13 - Party

2012 Spring

- January 24
- February 28
- March 27
- April 24
- May 22
- June 26



*Cnta. Capri 'Lea' AM/AOS
x C. maxima 'Memoria
Ken Girard' HCC/AOS*

Welcome to new member, Roy Redford.

Goodies for the September meeting are requested from those members with last names beginning with the letters A, B & C.

From the Editor

Welcome back to the new year of the Victoria Orchid Society. We have lots of interesting programmes planned and two shows, the first happening in early October.

Please renew your membership as soon as possible. The 2011-2012 Membership Form is on the last page of the newsletter.

Diana Rowles

www.victoriaorchidsociety.com

Check out our website for information about the society, upcoming events, plant registration for shows, regulations for bringing orchids into Canada, and what books are in our library. Previous newsletters can also be accessed from the website.

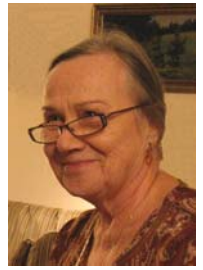
Contributions to the newsletter can be made up to 14 days before the next meeting date by contacting me by phone or email. (250-385-8888 or enviroed@telus.net).

Logo photo D.W. Smith

President's Message

Welcome back to another happy season of orchids!

There will be open houses, workshops, local and out-of-town shows, nine meetings and a Christmas party plus plant orders. At our meetings you will see and hear speakers, pictures, new plants, the always beautiful show table, sales tables, advice, refreshments and our excellent library.



Ingrid Ostrander

What more can you ask for \$20.00 per year? Yes – membership purchases are also due in September. Joyce will be happy to write you a receipt.

At this time of year, many of us who had taken our orchids outside for a summer holiday must now return them to their winter quarters. Make sure your treasures are cleaned up and de-bugged (if needed), pots and labels washed and of course, the “old wintering places” should be thoroughly cleaned, lights and timers checked and remember to slow down fertilizing starting in October. Now, as the days are getting shorter again and the plants cannot “eat” and drink” as much as during the long days of summer, most will now enjoy a little rest.

Elsewhere in this newsletter, our editor will inform you about other goings on, but here I want to encourage all of you to bring your blooming orchids to the monthly show table – for all to enjoy – don't be selfish!

We all look forward to having you and your orchids back at the meetings, see you there!

Ingrid

Remembering Mala

Known as Mala, Nirmala Segeram, was an impressive lady. She was a paraplegic, so you may have seen her wheeling herself around the Bucharth Gardens or attending the orchid shows in Victoria, where she liked to grow orchids. She is shown at right at one of the Victoria Orchid Society Shows. Another part of her life was spent working as a public health nurse in Northern Ontario.



Mala passed away on May 31st, 2011 after a short illness. A donation to the VicOS, in Mala's memory, has been received from some of her colleagues in Sioux Lookout. It will be used to purchase a beautiful book on Ecuadorean orchids. This picture and information will be mounted on the flyleaf of the book in Mala's memory. Many thanks to Evelyn Skotniski Rn, BScN, MSc and Mala's other colleagues for this generous donation.

Upcoming Events

The monthly meeting of the Victoria Orchid Society is held on the fourth Tuesday of every month except July, August and December, starting at 7:30pm. This meeting consists of a short (as possible) business meeting, the presentation of the plants on the display table, a coffee break with a prize draw of plants and orchid related material and then, a featured presentation.

The meeting ends between 9:30 and 10:00pm. Joe Chow is Plant Doctor and will help you with orchid issues for 20 minutes before the start of the meeting (7:10-7:30 p.m.)



September 27th meeting - will feature “An Ecuadorean Orchid Safari” with slides and video.

October 8th & 9th – The Victoria Orchid Society’s Fall Show and Sale at Hillside Mall

This annual event needs many volunteers to run smoothly. Please plan to help out that weekend. You will already have received information about jobs and shifts by email. Come prepared to sign up at the September meeting if you have not already done so. This is an enjoyable activity and one that helps support club activities and speakers. The show will run from 9:30 am-5:30 pm on Saturday and from 11:00 am to 5:30 pm on Sunday.

We need cashiers, packers, security people, and people to run the information and prize draw tables. An email with descriptions of these positions has been sent out along with the time slots where people are needed. The sooner people respond to this, the sooner plans for the show can be finalized. Get involved!

Past Events

June 28th – Meeting

Art Macgregor gave an interesting talk and presented slides on the orchids that he has managed to grow outside in his garden (and not).



Judging Centre news

At the AOS Pacific Northwest Judging Center (Vancouver)’s monthly meeting on June 11, 2011, the following AOS award was granted:

Acianthera aculeata ‘Tandie McLeod’ CBR/AOS ➤
Exhibitor: Orchid Species Preservation Foundation
* award is provisional pending species identification

At the monthly meeting on July 9, 2011, the following AOS award was granted:

Meiracyllium Trigem ‘Paula’ HCC/AOS 77pts ➤
(*trinasutum* x *wendlandii*)
Exhibitor: Don Bednarczyk



Abu Salleh



Photographer: Judy Higham

No awards were granted at the monthly meeting on August 13, 2011.

The AOS Pacific Northwest Judging Center (Vancouver) meets every second Saturday of the month, at 12:00 noon, at the Sea Island Community Centre, 7140 Miller Road, Richmond B.C.
(Chair: Russ Volker, 604-465-8374, russvolker@gmail.com).
Next monthly meeting will be on September 10, 2011.

Summer Fun

Although the Society doesn't hold meetings in the summer months, lots of other things happen.

July 16th - The Up Island greenhouse tour: They all looked very happy - no wonder!

We visited **Maureen Hawthorn** first. She grows all her orchids in the house overlooking fabulous view of the water.



And Debb found a new friend.



Next, we visited **Laurie Forbes'** greenhouse where many lovely plants were in bloom.



A quick lunch at the Black Bear Pub and then off to **Mike Miller's** newly renovated greenhouse.



Beautiful new cages, many wall mountings and an elegant cool greenhouse on the end.

Donna McDonnell was our last stop, but certainly not our least one.



We saw many healthy plants with lots in bloom. Some of us were lucky enough to buy some for our own collections.



And a nice little rest with refreshments before leaving for the long drive home.



Thank you to all our gracious hosts for exciting visits!

July 24th – VicOS Members’ Open houses

At **Joe Chow’s**, we were treated to his fabulous collection of Phragmipedium and Masdevallia, many in bloom.



Debb Ward welcomed lots of visitors to her elegant greenhouse, some even got a hug!



Although she is known as Paph Girl, Debb has beautiful Phalaenopsis and a wide range of orchids and other tropical plants in her greenhouse.

Coreen Kempling shared her impressive greenhouse and her alert and furry friend.



She had a large corner full of blooming Vandas, Brassia and a Dendrobium unicum as well as lovely Paphs, Phrags and Cattleya.



Henk Oudt also had an open house.

Unfortunately, I ran out of time and could not make it to his house. However, based on a previous visit and on the lovely plants that he brings to the display table, (See June best display plants on page 1) I am sure that he had some spectacular displays. I recall from my visit last year that he has many of his Masdevallias hanging outside his house and an impressive greenhouse with innovative hanging and potting techniques. Next time, Henk, I promise!

August 14th – Florence Davis’ Summer Barbecue

Florence’s barbecue was once again a roaring success, with opportunities for small and large group socializing.



The garden was glorious, the food was delicious, capped once again by Florence’s Pavlova, and the prize draw yielded many healthy plants and other goodies.



Thanks to Debb and Ingrid for some of these photos. I was too busy eating the Pavlova to photograph it all.

Victoria Orchid Society
Minutes of General Meeting June 28, 2011

The meeting of June 28th was held in the Garth Homer Centre. President Ingrid Ostrander called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Prior to calling the meeting to order, she reminded everyone that Joe Chow would be taking questions about orchid care. Ingrid welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked that they sign the attendance sheet. Ingrid announced the meeting would be conducted according to Robert's Rules. She then asked for a one minute silence in memory of our Librarian and past Vice President, Patricia Hendrickson.

Secretary's Report: MOTION: Art Macgregor/Geoff Haywood moved that the minutes of the May 2011 meeting be approved as published in the newsletter.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Treasurer's Report: Jane Mason presented the financial report for the month of May 2011, moved for acceptance, seconded by John Taylor.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Other Reports:

1. Correspondence: We received a card from Lily Wallace of Creative Peace Murals thanking us for your donation of a Phal for their fundraiser.
2. Membership: Joyce reported we now have 109 members.
3. COC: The COC is looking for articles of interest. If anyone can write an article on orchid conservation or wild orchids, etc. it can be submitted to the COC.
4. Victoria Website: always informative – have a look!
5. Library: Mrs. Reiser from Alaska donated some books. Inventory will be done soon.
6. Programs for 2011: Last chance for BBQ tickets.
7. Plant Orders: See Diana's email to order plants from Orchids Limited. We can combine everyone's order under one name.
8. Upcoming Shows: Foothills October 15/16 and FVOS Nov. 5/6.

The General Meeting was suspended at 7:45 pm for the Annual General Meeting. It was reopened at 8:05 pm.

New Business

- Bus Tour? Not very many people seem interested in the CVIOS greenhouse tour, but Diana collected names and will co-ordinate cars, drivers and passengers for the July 16th trip.
- VicOS greenhouse tours: See newsletter for July tours and August will be Pat van Adrichem.
- Uptown July 30: Outdoors promotion with Pat van Adrichem 1-4. Geoff Haywood will assist.

Report from the Executive

- Art Macgregor will be Show Chair. He asked everyone to think about new ideas to raise funds or to bring people to the show, and to use any contacts they have to promote the show. Jonathan Littau said, as Victoria is the Garden Capital of Canada, we should have the biggest and best show and that people should be flocking to our doors!
- Diana will make up new tri-folds for the Uptown promotion.
- Next executive meeting will be July 5th at the Ostranders'.

Show Table: Poul Hansen and Art Macgregor presented the show table.

Speaker: Following the coffee break and prize draws, Art Macgregor gave a brief but entertaining talk and slide show on growing outdoor orchids locally.

Next Meeting: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 27th at Garth Homer Centre.

Adjournment: The President declared the meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m. and wished everyone a Happy Summer!

Respectfully Submitted
Kathryn Collins



Masdevallia vietchiana

Society Information

General meetings are held at the Garth Homer Centre, 813 Darwin Ave., Victoria B.C., on the fourth Tuesday of the month. Members are encouraged to bring in their orchids in bloom to display on the show table.

Guest speakers are engaged for these meetings and often speakers bring plants for sale. There is also a sale table where plants brought in by members may be purchased.

Plant sales begin at 7:15 pm and the meeting runs from 7:30 pm to 10:00 pm.

Membership fees are \$20.00 for individuals, \$30.00 for households. The Society membership year runs from September to September, but meetings are not held in July and August. Name tags are available for \$10.00, magnetized tags are \$15.00.

Coffee and tea are available at the meeting and goodies are provided by members in rotation, based upon the initial letter of their last names. Goodies are requested for the September meeting from those members with last names beginning with A, B, and C.

The Victoria Orchid Society Newsletter is published monthly, around the 15th of each month, excepting December, July and August. Newsletters will be sent by email to members with email access. Email addresses will be blind copied. Upon request, copies of the newsletter may be picked up at meetings for those not wishing to print off their copy at home.

Advertising, in the newsletter, is free of charge to members in good standing: \$2.00 per business card size ad per month to a member owned business (\$20.00 per fiscal year), \$5.00 per month to non-member businesses (\$50.00 per fiscal year). Businesses may also advertise on the Victoria Orchid Society web site *Classifieds* page for the same costs.

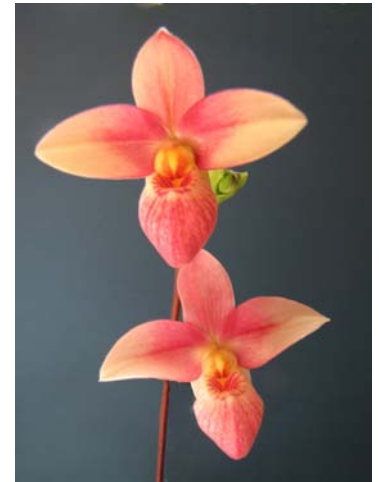
The Society's mailing Address is 1199 Tattersall Drive, Victoria, B.C. V8P 1Y8.

Who Does What?

President	➤ Ingrid Ostrander	Membership Chair	➤ Joyce Wilson
Vice-president	➤ Diana Rowles	Library Committee	➤ Nancy Cole, Darlene Li, Tim Hayes
Secretary	➤ Kathryn Collins	Spring Show Chair	➤ Art Macgregor
Treasurer	➤ Jane Mason	Plant Sales	➤ Rick Rancourt & Coreen Kempling
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	➤ Catherine Frutiger	AOS Rep	➤ Jonathan Littau
	➤ Coreen Kempling	COC Rep	➤ Ingrid Ostrander
	➤ Florence Davis	Culture Classes	➤ Dave McElderry
	➤ Nancy Cole	Web Page	➤ Blair Humphrey
	➤ Jonathan Littau	Plant Photos	➤ Diana Rowles
	➤ John Taylor	Hillside Show Chair	➤ Dave McElderry
		Programs	➤ Joe Chow
		Newsletter Editor	➤ Diana Rowles
		Newsletter proof reader	➤ Joe Chow
		Executive Spokesman	➤ Ingrid Ostrander
		Potting material sales	➤ Catherine Frutiger
		50/50 Draw	➤ Catherine Frutiger
		Hospitality	➤ Lioba Samer

In emergencies, call Ingrid Ostrander at (250) 652-0753.

Upcoming Shows: *Victoria Orchid Society Mall Show, October 8/9*
Foothills Orchid Society Show, October 15/16
Fraser Valley Orchid Society Show, November 5/6.



Phrag Hanne Popow (schlimii 'Pink Delight' x besseae 'Inca Fire')

Opportunities:

Discounts: When planning your fall potting, remember that there are a number of plant stores that give Victoria Orchid Society Members a 10% discount on the purchase of regularly priced items.

They are:

- **Borden Mercantile** – 3960 Borden Ave., Saanich
- **Dig This** – 128-560 Johnson St., 1990 Oak Bay Ave., 480-777 Royal Oak Dr.
- **GardenWorks** – 4290 Blenkinsop Rd., 1916 Oak Bay Ave.
- **Integrity Sales** – 2180 Keating X Rd., Saanich
- **Buckerfields**, 1070 Keating Crossroad, Saanich
- **Urban Oasis Horticultural Services**, 4649 W. Saanich Rd., Saanich

You will have to show your current VicOS membership card to receive the discount at most places.

Jonathan Littau also invited members to drop by his greenhouse on August 20th & 21st. He has an elegant new display area and some interesting plants for sale. This may be an ongoing feature, so watch the newsletter for more information and photographs of his display area.

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Membership Form

For 2011 / 2012

Please print clearly

Miltonia Venus

Victoria Orchid Society's Flower Emblem

New Renewal Update

Date: _____

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____

Postal Code: _____ Telephone: _____

Email: _____ Occupation or special interest* _____

* optional

Enclosing a cheque for : Family membership @ \$30.00 one (1) year membership in VicOS

Single membership @ \$20.00 one (1) year membership in VicOS

Enclosing a cheque for : Family membership @ \$60.00 two (2) year membership in VicOS

Single membership @ \$40.00 two (2) year membership in VicOS

Enclosing a cheque for : Family membership @ \$90.00 three (3) year membership in VicOS

Single membership @ \$60.00 three (3) year membership in VicOS

Please order pinned name tags in my/our name @ \$9.00

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Make cheques payable to Victoria Orchid Society in Canadian funds.

Send to Victoria Orchid Society at 1199 Tattersall Drive, Victoria, B.C. V8P 1Y8

How many years have you been growing Orchids? _____

What are your favourite genera? _____

How many orchid plants are you growing? _____

What are your growing conditions? (check any that applies)

Greenhouse Sq. Footage House Windowsill Lights

Are you a member of the American Orchid Society? Yes No

The yearly **Membership Directory** will be available in January. Please indicate your preferences.

Yes! I would like to be listed.

Yes, but without my telephone number.

No! I do not want to be listed.

Yes, please list my email address.

The **VicOS newsletter** is sent out by email once a month in PDF format and blind copied to recipients.

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