



# CVIOS

Central Vancouver Island  
Orchid Society



## President's Message

We are so fortunate to be able to hold our show and sale while other Societies cannot, so I hope that all of you will make an effort to come out and support our show.

You can do this by volunteering, by supporting our vendors who have agreed to have plants there for purchase, or by making bids on the great Silent Auction items. See you at the show!

Sheila Wilson  
CVIOS President

## Upcoming :

**Mar 4 - 6** - CVIOS Annual Orchid Show and Sale. See details on page 4

**Mar 20** - March General Meeting.  
Topic TBA

**May 1** (Instead of April 24) - April General Meeting

**May 29** - May General Meeting

**June 26** - AGM

# Announcements

- Welcome to our newest member: Patty R. We are happy to have you with us!
- The Vancouver Orchid Society has cancelled their spring show because of Covid measures at their planned location.
- Thank you Suzanne for organizing the orders with Ten Shin, Ecuagenera and Ching Hua. Just a reminder (as per Suzanne's email on Feb 22): If you have ordered from Ten Shin or Ecuagenera, please email Suzanne with your name so she can pick up your order on March 26 from Vancouver. THE DEADLINE FOR ORDERING HAS PASSED.
- The deadline for ordering from Ching Hua is March 20th. If members order from Ching Hua, they are responsible for picking up the orders in Vancouver mid April. If anyone needs the lists again, let Suzanne know.
- A big Thank You to Alexey, Dora, Dusty and Laurie (for presenting at the Feb 20 meeting) for bringing some clarity to the show process, sharing useful tips, and for encouraging members to get involved in ribbon judging.
- Thank you to Darlene and all of those who have volunteered on the show committee. It really is a big undertaking - the efforts of everyone on the committee is much appreciated.
- See Page 4 of this newsletter for announcements about the show.
- Make sure to check out the story about the upcoming orchid show in the Nanaimo News Bulletin online. There is a lovely photo of Sheila with her orchids and a great little write-up.





## Monthly Meetings

CVIOS meetings are normally held once per month September to June on Sunday at the North Oyster Community Center, 13467 Cedar Road, 11:30 to 2:30. Typically there is a brief business meeting starting at 12pm. Following is a display of plants brought in by members, a coffee break, prize draw and a featured presentation or demonstration. There is a sales table where orchid supplies and plants can be purchased.

At this time, the following Covid precautions are in place:

- Masks will be mandatory for anyone attending
- Hand sanitizer will be available
- We suggest bringing your own camp chairs, etc. unless you want to disinfect their chairs afterwards.
- We will allow food donations for lunch, however anyone who prefers to bring their own food is certainly welcome to do so. Tea and coffee will be provided.

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### CVIOS Executive 2021/2022

**President:** Sheila Wilson

**Past President:** Dora Glover

**Vice President:** Leslie Milne

**Treasurer & AOS Chair:** Darlene Rathwell

**Secretary:** Suzanne Currie

**Membership:** Bernard Kespe

**Plant Sales Table:** Judy Russell

**Library:** Michael DeLeur

**Refreshments:** Laurie Forbes

**Publicity and Programs:** Valerie Melanson

**Newsletter and Website:** Melanie Norris

**Director At Large:** Alexey Tretyakov

# CVIOS Annual Show and Sale

The CVIOS show is fast approaching. The show committee has been working very hard to prepare - Darlene has done a great job as show chair.

**Volunteers are needed.** If you can please spare some time to volunteer, that would be greatly appreciated! If you can volunteer, show up during mall hours Thursday 1:30 to 8:00 for set up, Friday 10 to 6pm, Saturday 10 to 6pm or Sunday 11 to 5pm and let them know at the CVIOS table you are there to help.

**Blooming orchids are needed!** If you have orchids in bloom, please bring them to the mall Thursday March 3, 1 to 7 pm. If you do not wish to enter them for judging, they can still be used in the display. If you want to register and enter your orchids for judging, there will be volunteers there to help members register. Also, forms are available at [www.cvios.org](http://www.cvios.org) for pre registration. Thursday is preferred for drop off, but if you are unable to do so please have items there 8:45 to 9am Friday.

**Ribbon judging** begins at 9:30 with AOS judging to follow.

The theme for the show is Spring Treasures. If you have **any items relating to this theme** please bring them early Thursday afternoon for the display. For instance, a wicker treasure box or similar container or pretty glass bottles etc. Please nothing too small or valuable. Lovely foliage plants can also be used in the display as long as they are not blooming.

## Silent Auction

- Bernie is the contact if you would like to make arrangements with him [cvios.bernie@shaw.ca](mailto:cvios.bernie@shaw.ca). Please contact him if you are planning to drop off any items so he can prepare a bid sheet ahead of time.
- Thank you to all who have made donations so far.



We look forward to welcoming the following vendors:

- Paramount Orchids
- Sue Christianson
- Bryan Emery



## SHOW PROGRAM

**Central Vancouver Island Orchid Society  
AOS Show and Plant Sale: "Spring Treasures"  
Nanaimo North Town Centre, 4750 Rutherford Road, Nanaimo, BC  
March 4 - 6, 2022**

### **Thursday March 3**

1:30 - 8:00 Set up tables and displays. Plant registration

### **Friday March 4**

8:30 - 9:30 Continue plant registration

9:30 - 11:30 Club ribbon judging

9:30 - 6:00 Sales area, silent auction, and displays open

1:30 AOS judging

### **Saturday March 5**

10:00 - 6:00 Sales area, silent auction, and displays open

### **Sunday March 6**

11:00 - 4:00 Sales area and displays open

2:30 Silent auction closed and winning items can be claimed

4:00 - 6:00 Dismantel displays and clean up

# February Show Table

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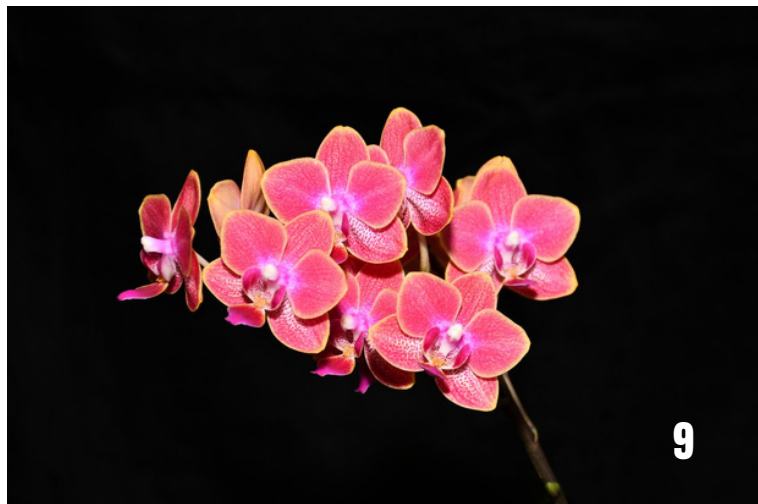


1. Den. kingianum - Alexey T.
2. Paph. Inca Gold x Pittsburgh - Alexey T.
3. Onc. Heaven Scent 'redolence' - Shirley M.
4. Paph. sukhakulii - Alexey T.
5. Psychopsis - Sheila W.

*Photos courtesy of Alexey T.*

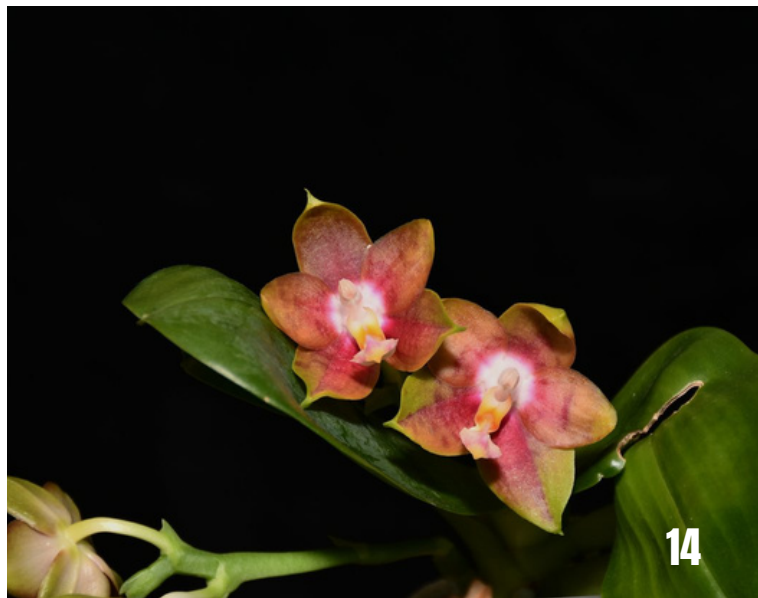


## February Show Table (cont)



- 6. Phal Basket NoID - Suzanne C.
- 7. Den. kingianum - Donna M.
- 8. Bulb. macroleum - Alexey T
- 9. Phal NoID - Sheila W.
- 10. Phaius Microburst Octoberfest - Julia T.

## February Show Table (cont)



- 11. Den. Rainbow Dance 'Akazukin' - Michael D.
- 12. Papilionanthe vandarum - Alexey T.
- 13. Trisetalla hoeijeri - Valerie M.
- 14. Phal. Hanover passion x John Ewing - Sheila W.
- 15. Mini Phal - noID - Dusty S.





# CVIOS Meeting Minutes

## February 20, 2022

Sheila called the meeting to order at 12:05pm

Dusty approves previous meeting minutes Dora second. Passed

### **Treasurers Report:**

Darlene reviewed income and expenses and bank account information. Darlene moved to adopt report Dusty second. Passed

### **Membership:**

There are currently 44 members

### **Old Business:**

CVIOS has decided to further investigate a logo and letterhead.

### **Show March 4 to 6 2022:**

Darlene reviewed the areas the show will take place in at North Town Center. Sign up sheets for volunteers are available at this meeting.

Valerie has done a thorough job of advertising the show in many ways. The mall will no longer allow CVIOS to place their own signs around the location.

Dusty recommends an Orchid Peoples or Public Choice Award at the show. Members agreed and Dusty will arrange for it to happen.

Victoria and Vancouver have cancelled their shows this spring due to covid restrictions.

All sign up forms for entering show orchids are online

Sheila asked for donations for the Shows raffle basket. Sheila moved that the proceeds for the basket will go to Canadian Orchid Conservation second Janet. Passed

Members can sell plants at the membership show table.

### **New Business:**

Suzanne reviewed the clubs potting mix situation. Members were asked if they prefer orchidata or fir bark. Many still use fir bark so the club will be looking for a supplier.

Suzanne will be picking up Ten Shin and Ecuagenera orders in Vancouver March 26. Members will be responsible to pick up any Ching Hua orders made as the dates do not coincide.

Instruction was given to members on how to become a plant seller at both the meetings and the show.

Today's presentation is Preparing Orchids for the show. Laurie, Alexey, Dusty and Dora will give insights into proper procedures.

Meeting adjourned 1:15pm

# Preparing Your Orchids For Show

## (Notes From the February 20th Presentation)

By **Valerie M.**

**Laurie F.** demonstrated her process:

- Clean plant - clean off scale and other bugs. "If you have a greenhouse you will have scale." Laurie makes up a spray bottle of:

1/3 Dr. Bonner's Pure Castile Peppermint Soap,  
1/3 water,  
1/3 70% or 99% Isopropyl Rubbing Alcohol  
Shake well and spray all over leaves of plant.  
Clean and wipe with lint free rag, toothbrush, paper towels.

(Audience suggestion - artist's brushes help to get in cracks and crevices)

- Remove dead roots, leaves, trim off brown tips of leaves
- Top dress pot with fresh media.
- Staking - Laurie uses natural stakes from shrub & tree trimming or bamboo skewers & raffia or fishing line for tying.
- Insert plant name tag - use pencil and face the name out.
- Put a label with your name on it on the pot when entering plants at shows other than ours.

**Alexey T.** added these tips:

- Deciding which plants to bring - bring everything that is flowering to share unless in terrible shape. You can designate a plant as "Not for AOS Judging". All plants should be bug free.
- Grooming: You can leave the cache pot on or take it off. Clean the plastic pot. NB: it will be covered with black cloth. Tidy the plant - leave on old leaves unless crispy as they are still putting nutrients such as magnesium back into the plant.
- Cleaning: you can use Lysol wipes to get the dust off. To get off the white residue from calcium in your water, some growers use Classic CLR (not spray stuff) - the chloric acid in it dissolves the calcium. Or use lemon juice.
- Staking: Alexey likes coated wire stakes & for tying uses skinny green plastic garden ties or dark green orchid tips.
- Tags: make sure they are not distracting from the plant.

# Preparing Your Orchids For Show (Cont)

## PAPERWORK FOR ENTERING ORCHIDS IN THE SHOW

**Dora G.** explained the Show Paperwork for entering your orchids:

1..Plant Registry Form – This has 2 parts: Your details as an exhibitor & the list of your plants and the classes you are entering them in. Example: a plant can be entered in its genus class but also under “grown under lights” or “grown on a windowsill” or some other special class. This form is available as a .pdf to download and print off from our website at [www.cvios.org](http://www.cvios.org) (pdf can be downloaded from the home page) To find the class numbers, use the downloadable .pdf called “British Columbia Orchid Societies Show Flower Classes”

2. Plant Entry Tags – Fill out the individual 2-part plant Entry Tags with the same details. NB: a separate tag will be needed for any special classes like grown under lights or grown on a windowsill. The top part of the tag is submitted at registration and goes in the appropriate class folders for ribbon judging. The bottom card portion is stuck on a stake in your plant on the show table so the ribbon judges can identify the plant.

## RIBBON JUDGING

**Dusty S** explained how Ribbon Judging works & how it is a great way to learn more about orchids. He used plants on the monthly display table to demonstrate how the plants are classed and judged vis a vis the BCOS Show Flower Classes List. Joining a ribbon judging team is a great opportunity to learn and have some fun for a morning.



Here is a wonderful example of a creative and impeccable display. Grown and photographed by Dr. Stuart Meeson. This *Masdevallia Mendocina* "Mullus" was awarded Best Pleurothallidinae, Best Species, and Best Orchid at the Bournemouth Orchid Society's Spring Show in Great Britain. Dr. Meeson explains that although this orchid lives in this bowl, "there is still a lot of effort to prepare it for exhibition. Making sure container is clean, plant dressed, well labelled etc."

(via Instagram with permission)

**Central Vancouver Island Orchid Society**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Table Location No.:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Organization:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Exhibitor No.:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Exhibitor Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Phone No:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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# Central Vancouver Island Orchid Society

## Membership Form

**CVIOS mailing address:** 556 Juniper Drive, Qualicum Beach, BC V9K 2J2

**Website:** [www.cvios.org](http://www.cvios.org)      **Membership Contact:** Bernie at: CVIOS.bernie@shaw.ca

Household membership \$30.00 per year (Sept.-Aug.) CASH\_\_\_CHEQUE\_\_\_ E-TRANSFER\_\_\_

Name(s) for membership cards(s)

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Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address (This is needed for society correspondence)

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How did you hear about CVIOS \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been growing orchids? \_\_\_\_\_

Where I grow my orchids: (check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Window sill

\_\_\_\_ Under lights

\_\_\_\_ Green house

\_\_\_\_ Orchidarium

\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

I have (circle one) (1 - 10), (11 - 20), (21 - 35), (36 - 50), (51 - 100), (100+) orchid plants.

I hereby give permission to have the following included in the published membership list that will be distributed to members only.

Please check the ones you are willing to make public to the membership.

[ ] Name                                    [ ] Address

[ ] Phone number                    [ ] email address

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_