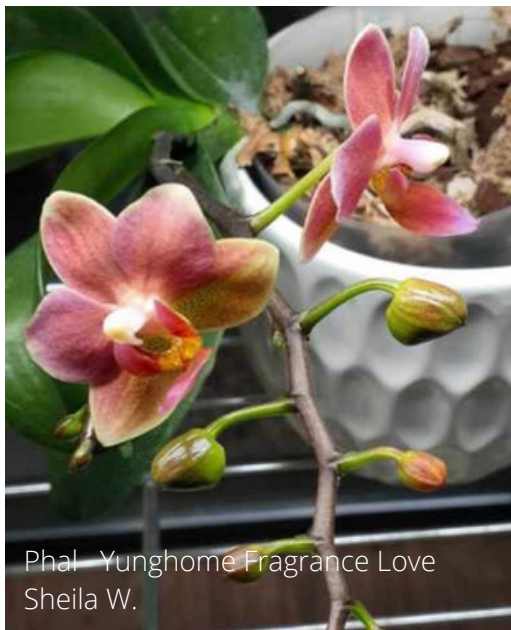




CVIOS

Central Vancouver Island Orchid Society



Phal. Yunghome Fragrance Love
Sheila W.



Aerangis luteoalba
Alexey T.



Phaius microburst 'Octoberfest'
Grown by Donna M. Photo by BernieK'

President's Message

Winter drags on, but there are signs of spring - as the bulbs are poking up - although we won't see flowers for some time yet, unless it really warms up. The little birds still want to be fed, as much of their scratching ground is still covered at higher elevations and the hummingbirds are still here.

Many of you will be thrilled to see your phalaenopsis blooming, as am I. The colours brighten up my life these days and some haven't bloomed for several years so it's a pleasure to see them open. Paying more attention to them and giving them a cool spell outside in the fall certainly has paid off. Wish I could say the same for my cattleyas, only one has bloomed this winter. If you have photos of your blossoms, please share via Melanie and brighten all of our days too.

Upcoming :

Feb 7 - Show committee meeting

Feb 20 - February General Meeting. Time and format to be announced. Once confirmed, an email will be sent out to members.

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

Mar 20 - March General Meeting. Time and format to be announced.

President's Message (cont):

The Society is getting geared up for the show in March which will go ahead unless Covid takes another ominous turn. Unfortunately, we have received word that the Vancouver Spring Show has been cancelled. An announcement will be made about our February meeting in a couple of weeks, it may need to be another Zoom meeting.

Sheila Wilson, CVIOS President

Announcements

- Welcome to our two new members: Chris Bauer and Annette Greentree. We wish you all the best with your orchid hobby!
- Thank you to the Victoria Orchid Society for inviting us to join their Zoom presentation on January 24th featuring Maurice Garvey speaking on "Growing in Terrariums" etc.
- Thank you to the Fraser Orchid Society for inviting us to join their Zoom meeting January 25th featuring Ron Hatton on "Pests and Their Management"
- Thank you to Suzanne's daughter, Hannah, for picking up the Ecuagenera order from Vancouver in November, 2021.
- Thank you to all who organized and participated in our December Christmas lunch. More on page 6 of this newsletter.
- Our thoughts are with the Vancouver Orchid Society as their president, Jennifer Pell has been dealing with some health issues, as announced in the VOS January Newsletter. We wish her all the best.
- The Vancouver Orchid Society has cancelled their spring show because of Covid measures at their planned location.
- Thanks to all who sent photos and write ups to Melanie. It is great to see so many beautiful blooms.
- Please email Melanie with any comments or suggestions about the newsletter or website. I apologize if I have missed any items that you sent me. melroga@telus.net



Paphiopedilum malipoense X
Paphiopedilum emersonii
Julia T.

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, because of the ongoing situation with high transmissibility of the Omicron strain of Covid, we are unsure when we can resume in person meetings.

We will inform members of the plans for the February meeting via email and website once the executive makes their decision

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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 show is proceeding as planned. Please see the website for more details - if there are any changes, we will send out a notice by email, facebook and our website.

Show committee meeting at Laurie's on February 7th.

Posters will be available at the February general meeting. Please help us distribute them around town

Silent Auction

- Bernie is the contact if you would like to make arrangements with him cvios.bernie@shaw.ca
- Please bring any silent auction items you would like to donate to the February meeting or to the mall during set up. Please, only "new" condition items - gift cards work well also.

Trophy Sponsorship

- The sign up sheets to sponsor a "best in class" category will be at the February meeting.
- Please contact Darlene at islandarlene@gmail.com for more information

Volunteer Opportunities

- Volunteers are needed throughout the show weekend. You do not have to have a high level of orchid expertise to help out.
- Sign up sheets will be available at the February meeting or contact Darlene at the above email address.
- Ribbon Judging - We highly recommend participating in ribbon judging for any level of orchid hobbyist. It is a great way to learn more about orchids and to participate with other growers to discuss the beautiful blooms that will be displayed. Sign - up with Darlene.

If you have a Facebook account, please "Like", Comment, and "Share" our facebook event posts. It really makes a difference to get the word out (algorithms etc...)



The Central Vancouver Island Orchid Society invites YOU to attend their Annual

Spring Treasures

ORCHID SHOW & SALE
Nanaimo North Town Centre
4750 Rutherford Road

POTTING WORKSHOPS Saturday and Sunday by donation	MARCH 4 - 6, 2022 Friday 9:30 - 9:00 Saturday 10:00 - 6:00 Sunday 11:00 - 4:00	AOS JUDGED SHOW Silent Auction B.C. Vendors
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AOS Western Canada Judging Center Judging Results - November 13, 2021

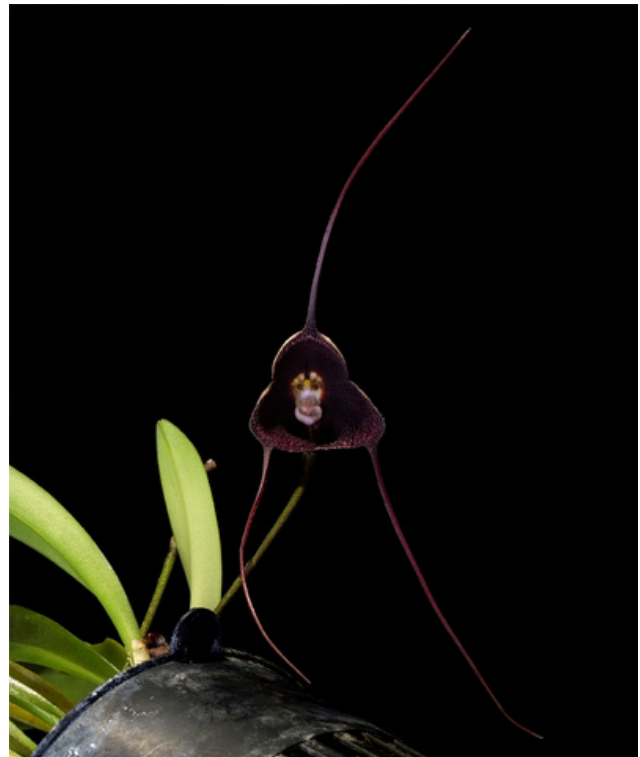
At the AOS Western Canada Judging Center's monthly judging on November 13, 2021, the following AOS award was granted:

(please note that all awards are considered provisional until paperwork and payment is processed by AOS and published in OrchidPro)

Dracula pholeodytes 'Kittiwake'

AM/AOS 82 pts (20217153)

Exhibitor: Leda Bower



Photos courtesy of Judith Higham

On December 3, 2021, Abu Salleh announced that he is stepping down as Chair for the Western Canada Judging Center as of January, 2022. We would like to take this time to thank Abu for his dedication over the past 5 years - he has done an amazing job in establishing the WCJC and spent countless hours representing Western Canadian orchid societies and growers. We wish you all the best in your future pursuits. We would also like to welcome David Edgely as the new Chair and we hope that you will enjoy your position.

CVIOS Christmas Lunch - Dec 5, 2021

On Dec 5th, members of the CVIOS gathered to celebrate the Christmas season. We were happy the forecasted snow did not appear as we enjoyed an afternoon of delicious food, a festive silent auction table and several holiday themed orchid displays.

We were happy to enjoy the company of new members, Sam and Zuska as others shared stories of just how unusual 2021 has been. Many are looking forward to more opportunities to gather in 2022 including reconvening orchid events such as the Annual Show and Sale.

Valerie set up 19 miniature orchids in a holiday themed terrarium - it was fascinating to see so many tiny blooms in such a small space. Darlene and Judy set up several blooming plants amongst colourful decorations. Judy's display of several stunning paphiopedilums and an oncidium twinkle received the most votes for the best display.



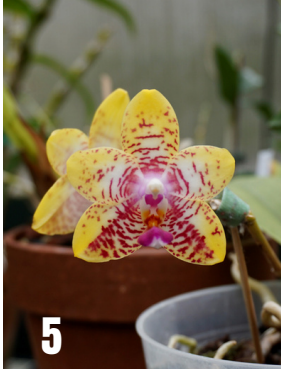
January Members' Gallery



1. Dendrobium maiden charlotte - Bernie K.
2. Phrag. Jason Fisher (besseae 'Red Flame' x Mem. Dick Clements 'Red Wing') - Donna M (photo by Bernie K)
3. Masd Copper Wing - Donna M (photo by Bernie K)
4. P Inca Gold X Pittsburgh - Alexey T.



January Members' Gallery (cont)



- 5. Phal. Orchid World 'Bonnie Vasquez' - Donna M (photo by Bernie K)
- 6. Den Mila's Charm - Donna M (photo by Bernie K)
- 7. Phal NoID Ken M.
- 8. Brassocattleya Maikai x bc Morning Glory - Donna M. (photo by Bernie K.)
- 9. Oncidium Gomesa 'Alosuka Claire' - Bernie K.
- 10. Paph. spicerianum - Donna M (photo by Bernie K)



January Members' Gallery (cont)



- 11. Phragmipedium Hanne Popow - Donna M. (photo by Bernie K)
- 12. Paph Yi-Ying Bouncing Flame - Shirley M.
- 13. Holcoglossum Kimallianum - Alexey T.

January Members' Gallery (cont)



- 14. *C. Portia* 'Coerulea' - Shirley M.
- 15. *Onc. Twinkle* 'Fragrance Fantasy' - Shirley M.
- 16. *Lc. Hsinying Excell* 'Pink Kitty' - Sheila W.
- 17. *Phalaenopsis Stuartiana* 'Sogo' - Bernie K.
- 18. *Dendrobium parthenium* - Donna M (Photo by Bernie K.)

January Members' Gallery (cont)



19. *Dendrobium cuthbertsonii* pink - Donna M (Photo by Bernie K)
20. *Paph. spicerianum* - Darlene R.
21. *Restrepia* - Darlene R.
22. *Sophronitis Violacea* - Alexey T

January Members' Gallery (cont)

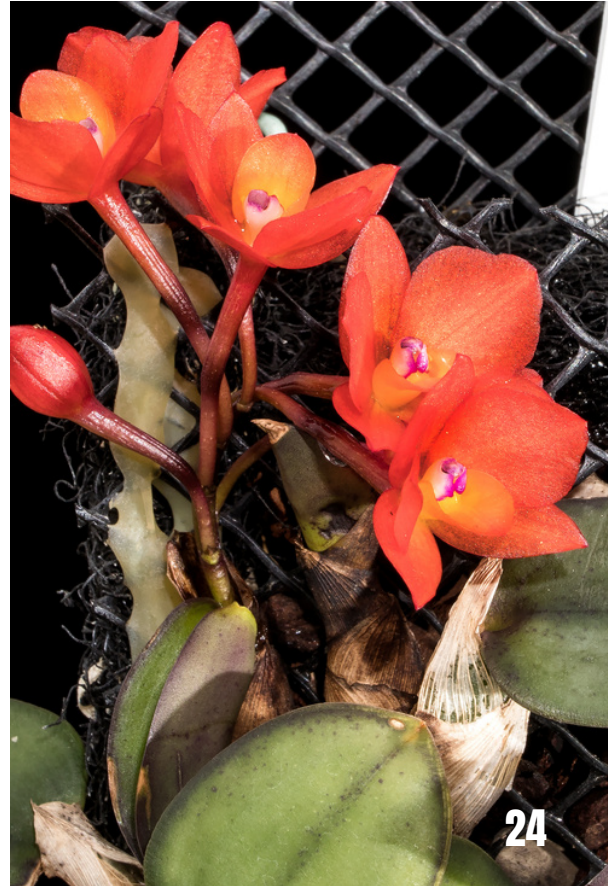
23. Paph malipoense X Paph emersonii - Julia T.

24. Sophronitis Cernua - Alexey T.

25. Cattilanthe - Darlene R.

26. Lepanthes calodictyon - Bernie K

27. Phal Be Glad 'Peloric' - Bernie K.



CVIOS Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2022

Valerie approved previous meeting minutes Laurie 2nd

Treasurers Report:

Darlene reviewed income and expenses and bank account information. Darlene moved to adopt report Bernie 2nd

Membership:

There are currently 41 members

Announcements:

David Edgly is the new Western Canada AOS judging chair as Abu has stepped down. Sheila showed a possible CVIOS letterhead and asked members for their opinions. A discussion ensued regarding what can be done with a logo such as letterhead, cards, tshirts etc.

A supplier for CVIOS name tags has been found and they will be ordered next week.

Show March 4 to 6 2022:

- The planning for the 2022 show will go forward as planned and we will cancel if we are unable to hold the show.
- Darlene will be looking into insurance for the show this week.
- There are five judges secured for the AOS show.
- Alexey will be photographing the show.
- Darlene will send email asking if societies are planning to participate in the show as she has not received replies. Paramount Orchids will have a sales table.

New Business:

- Suzanne has volunteered to take the plants to the Vancouver show March 25 to 27. Setup is March 25. Darlene and Shirley have volunteered to go over and help.
- Cowichan Valley Garden Club asked if a member could do an online presentation regarding orchids for beginners. Alexey volunteered but would like to do an in-person presentation.
- Melanie would like members orchid photos for the newsletter.
- Gardenworks asked CVIOS if they would like to set a display in the Nanaimo Nursery. Darlene is going to ask Gardenworks if they would be interested in having sales table at the show.
- Suzanne will see if Willgro is still operating.
- Today's presentation is an AOS webinar about setting up orchid displays and how they are judged. Valerie will schedule a presentation in February about getting orchids ready for a show

Meeting adjourned 1:25pm

Indoor Orchid Growing



The following is a reflection of Bernie's talk on November 14th, 2021.

by **Valerie Melanson:**

Bernie wrote an engaging, informative article about how he became 'addicted', entitled "The Orchid Challenge", for the CVIOS Newsletter in January 2021, that whetted my interest in learning about his setup for growing orchids. I was fortunate to be given a tour not long after and I really appreciated the chance to see how another member grows orchids indoors. With that in mind, I invited him to do a slide show for our members to share photos of his set up & divulging the nitty-gritty on how it all works. And it was worth the ask to get all the details.

So far Bernie has fitted out a set of garage storage shelves with coroplast and plastic sheeting, installed a lighting system and moisture. He went into the details of light units & strengths and the creation of the humidity providing fogger he built from scratch. He also covered fans & meters and other useful pieces of kit, with full details on where to source all of it. And he also gave details of the water filter he uses to provide the low ppm water he uses on his plants.

To cap it all off, he showed lovely photographs of the flowers that have been flourishing in this indoor greenhouse.

He also showed his set up for growing beautiful phalaenopsis around his home and photos of many of the happy blooming plants.

Last but not least Bernie showed his new set up - an ExoTerra paludarium, that houses many of his miniatures & is complete with fish living in the pond at the bottom. Again, he shared details of the lighting, misting, fan & various meters in use.

Heads Up: Bernie has taken delivery of an Ikea cabinet that he will be fitting out for more orchids. I hope he will do a follow up on this new installation in the future. My enquiring mind wants to know more!

Thank you, Bernie. You have inspired me to transition most of my orchids to paludariums and aquariums. Now to become more tec savvy and get them all rigged out with the kit you recommend! The House of Hydro waterproof fan you recommended has now arrived ...

Janet's Orchid Photos from Columbia

CVIOS member Janet R. recently travelled to the coffee growing region of Colombia. She sent these photos for all of us to enjoy. Unfortunately Janet's trip was "totally disrupted by the declaration of the COVID pandemic."

"I don't know the names of the orchids as they were growing outside in nature. I can only identify the Ondontoglossum."



Remembering CVIOS Member Annigje ‘Anneke’ Van Kerkoerle

By Laurie Forbes

I first met Anneke & Peter shortly after moving to the island in 1990. At that time they had a farm in the Cassidy area where they grew asparagus. I met Peter first at a craft fair. He had a small orchid display & was selling the beautiful Orchid Calendar that he had designed & that we still use today. I bought my first Calendar from him & now have three or four of them in the garage, garden shed etc. Bryan and I heard about the asparagus farm & started going to their farm every weekend to stock up on our asparagus supply. One weekend Bryan went without me & told Peter that I had a few orchids, so Peter gave him a tour of his greenhouse & Anneke let him know about the orchid meetings & invited me to come to the 1st meeting in the Fall. I went to that meeting and that was it. I was hooked on orchids from then on. So without Anneke & Peter I may never have become involved in this beautiful addiction.



I got to know Anneke over the years at orchid meetings & then I discovered she also was involved in the TaiChi group I started to go to. She practiced Tai chi well into her eighties. I always enjoyed our talks & got to know her much better. She was a kind determined person, yet willing to share her thoughts & keep me up to date on some of the people we both knew. Anneke always seemed to have a smile on her face. As her friend Phil Little wrote: Anneke was a strong willed, passionate person with a critical mind & a warm heart. I will miss her.



