



CVIOS

Central Vancouver Island Orchid Society



Slc Jewel Box 'Dark Waters'
Melanie N.



Paph Norbert Gomes
Julia T.



Cattleya Aloha Case x L.
dayana. Bernie K.

President's Message

Is that a light I see at the end of the tunnel? Sure hope so! As more of us get vaccinated, it seems more likely that we can cautiously return to some of our activities. The Executive and I will be discussing when and how we can return to meetings and possibly a show in the fall.

In the meantime I hope that you're seeing some blooms and new growth from your plants. I think it brightens your mood when you have lovely blossoms to enjoy, whether you grew them in your homes or brought them in from your greenhouse.

The webinars via ZOOM which have been arranged by Bernie, Suzanne and the Victoria and Vancouver Societies have been very interesting and I hope that you will participate in these if possible. Thank you Bernie and Suzanne for arranging for ZOOM and the presenters.

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Upcoming :

- **April 22** - Kim Fedderson will be speaking via Zoom at 6:30pm. The topic is: Yes, you can grow vandaceous orchids.

- Please check your email for further events and information

President's Message - Con't

- More historical facts and trivia, my comments are in () ;
- **Some advice on building yourself a greenhouse (circa 1984) which seems to be good advice if you have the opportunity and the room to build one. Build as they do in England and Europe by having the walls (concrete or cinder blocks) below grade and only a short portion of the wall and the roof above grade. This will save quite a bit on heating costs in winter and in summer the greenhouse will be cooler with more even temperatures. Use a double layer of fiberglass and polythene for an inexpensive greenhouse roof. (Good drainage required.
- **The Canadian Orchid Congress used to hold meeting across Canada in conjunction with an AOS judged show.
- **There was talk of Vancouver hosting the World Orchid Conference in 1992. (Did this happen? Do they still hold World Orchid Conferences?)
- **Interesting note from minutes in 1991 - "I thought the meeting went okay on Saturday. Executive tense but not rowdy! "
- **Some insect spray recipes:
 1. Boil rhubarb leaves in water and use this spray for aphids and white flies. (Note: this could be quite poisonous.)
 2. Chop fine or grind 1 garlic bulb and 1 small onion plus 1 tblsp. Cayenne pepper, add to a quart of water, 1 tblsp. liquid dish detergent. Stir and let sit for an hour, strain through a fine sieve. It makes an all purpose insect spray. Can be kept in the fridge for up to one week.
 3. 1 quart water, ½ cup rubbing alcohol, 1 tsp. Tabasco sauce, 1 tbsp. liquid dish detergent. Use for spider mites and white flies.
 4. (DO NOT touch your face, rub your eyes or pick up your child until you have thoroughly washed your hands after concocting any of these!)

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President's Message - Con't

- **In 1990 we invited a Mr. Alfred Lau to present a program to our group. Mr. Lau and his wife appear to run an orphanage or training school for boys in the Chiapas, Mexico. They provide food, housing and clothing and the boys are trained in tropical plant propagation, especially local cacti, succulents and bromeliads but also orchids. They sell plants and seeds and ship around the world. They have over 1000 species of orchids from all over the world. I could not confirm that he actually came to the Island. I plan to write to him and find out if they are still running the school and training facility.
- **June 1991 - a tour was organized to Washington State. Cost \$15.00 (Wow!) which included the ferry and then a bus to visit 2 greenhouses down south. One of the greenhouses even made a chili and bun lunch for the group.
- **In 1989 our show title was "Orchid Islands" which we might consider re-using as it is an appropriate title.
- **Our show in 1988 at Woodgrove Mall netted \$716.81, a good profit. We used to hold a buffet dinner the night before for judges and out of town exhibitors, CVIOS members provided a pot luck meal. Cost \$7.00 per person, ½ price for those who brought food.

I hope you've enjoyed these glimpses of the CVIOS in the past. We obviously have had many dedicated members who kept the Society running and contributed to the knowledge of orchid growing. And we have great members now who also assist in keeping our Society a viable group. Thank you!

Sheila Wilson, CVIOS President



MONTHLY MEETINGS (CURRENTLY VIA ZOOM DUE TO COVID-19)

GENERAL INFORMATION

CVIOS Meeting 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 brought in by members and or speakers can be purchased. We look forward to in person meetings as soon as it is safe to do so. In the meantime, please check your email for info regarding online meetings.

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Announcements:

- Thank you to Bernie K. and Suzanne C. for setting up and organizing the Zoom meetings and speakers. Our first presentation featuring Kristen Urthus of New World Orchids was well organized and well attended.
- Thank you to Suzanne for organizing the plant orders from several orchid suppliers.
- 'Tis the season to repot! Suzanne is managing the sales of the orchid potting mix and there is a lot of media to choose from:
Below are the prices for CVIOS members:
 1. Moss 150g \$11
 2. Medium size charcoal 3L \$10
 3. Large size perlite 3L \$6
 4. Orchiata 7L bag \$14 (classic and power sizes available)
 5. Douglas fir bark med. grade size 7L bag \$8
- We are so happy to announce that we have new members! Welcome:
Lindsay R.
Heather B.
Arlene W.
Nicole T.
Chad C.
- Thank you to all who sent their photos to Melanie for the gallery. They will be posted on our website later this week.

Many thanks to the organizers of the Pleione sale between Vancouver and Island clubs' members!! I am THRILLED with mine. - [Dusty Smith](#).



Dance



Meeting minutes March 24, 2021:

This meeting was held on Zoom following the presentation by Dr. Kristen Uthus on Masdevallia and Draculas. There were 12 members present for the zoom meeting.

Sheila proposes CVIOS carry over the existing executive to the 21/22 CVIOS year. Suzanne will send an email proposing this to members and asking them to email Sheila if there are any issues.

CVIOS would like to hold an outdoor executive meeting in the future.

SPEAKERS

Kim Fedderson will be speaking on zoom April 22 at 6:30pm. The topic is: Yes, you can grow vandaceous orchids.

Suzanne will look at finding a speaker for May possibly a local speaker or a member. A June speaker will be discussed. If CVIOS holds an AGM in June, we may skip a June speaker and host one in September.



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The last full week of March provided a very unique opportunity for local orchid society members. As it happened, four orchid societies held Zoom meetings during that week with a variety of presenters. Each society extended invitations to the other societies in the area.

Monday March 22 - Victoria Orchid Society: Dave Sorokowsky - General Paph Culture

Tuesday Mar 23 - Portland Orchid Society: Dr. Adam Karremans - Pleurothallids: Neotropical Jewels

Wednesday Mar 24 - Vancouver Orchid Society: Steven Frownie - Fabulous Fragrant Orchids

Thursday Mar 25 - CVIOS: Dr. Kristen Urthus of New World Orchids - Masdevallias and Draculas - Not as Scary as you Think

Although online meetings will never replace the connection of an in person meeting, it is refreshing to come together online to discuss our love of orchids. It was a special treat to also have an online "show and tell" of some lovely blooming orchids by several CVIOS members. We also held an official monthly meeting - minutes attached in this newsletter.

Stay tuned for details regarding the April Zoom meeting for CVIOS and likely neighbouring orchid societies. And thank you to all of the local orchid societies for extending invitations to our members!

Growing in "normal" conditions

- ▶ **Moisture is key: perfect for over-waterers!**
 - ▶ Roots: How do I pot these guys?
 - ▶ My new favorite additives
 - ▶ **Maintaining humidity**

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The slide also features three images: a terrarium with an orchid, a tray of several potted orchids, and a large glass jar containing an orchid. On the right side of the slide, there is a vertical stack of Zoom participant video thumbnails with names: melanienorris, a man, Kristen, Suzanne, and Joe. The Zoom control bar at the bottom shows 35 participants, chat, share screen, record, reactions, and a leave button.

CVIOS Members' Orchid Gallery



1. Cattleya Aloha Case x L. dayana. Bernie K
2. Papheopedilum Gloria Naugle. Bernie K
3. Dendrobium Maiden Charlotte. Bernie K
4. Dendrobium "Rainbow Dance". Keith T.
5. Dendrobium Bellatulum. Bernie K

6. Blc. King of Taiwan "Orchis" Julia T.
7. Dendrobium "Rainbow Dreams" Laurie F
8. Encyclia (Prosthechea) cochleata. Bernie K



Members' Orchid Gallery (cont)



9. *Odontocidium* Tiger Crow 'Golden Girl'
Bernie K

10. *Paphepedilum* Norbert Gomes Julia T.

11. *Phalanopsis* display. Bernie K

12. NoID cymbidium Laurie F.

13. NoID phal. Keith T.

14. Sheila's Orchid Display



Members' Orchid Gallery (cont)



- 15. Den Siberian Jewel Alexey T.
- 16. Den subuliferum Alexey T.
- 17. Paph micranthum var eburneum Alexey T.



- 18. Coelogyne ochracea "Emmett" AM/AOS. Donna M.
- 19. Den Siberian Jewel Alexey T.
- 20. Bernie's Paph display
- 21. NoID Melanie N
- 22. Slc Jewel Box 'Dark Waters'. Melanie N.



Members' Orchid Gallery (cont)



Slc. Love Fresh 'Peter' x Lc.
Dennis Olivas 'The Best'
AM/AOS
Suzanne Currie

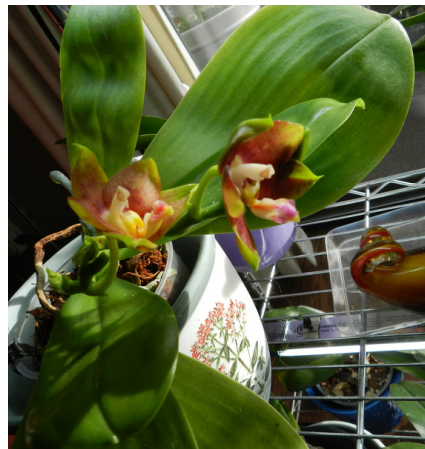
Sheila's Phal Display



Phal. bellina f. coerulea x
Kung's Red Cherry
Ken M.



Lc. Miss Wonderful
Suzanne C.



Phal. Hannover 'Ching Ruey'
cross with John Ewing
Sheila W.



Phaius Microburst
'Octoberfest'
Julia T.

