

CVIOS NEWSLETTER

CENTRAL VANCOUVER ISLAND ORCHID SOCIETY

September 2019

CVIOS Meetings are 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

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CVIOS EXECUTIVE 2018/19

President: Dora Glover
Past President: Laurie Forbes
Vice President: Leslie Milne
Treasurer and AOS Chair: Darlene Rathwell
Secretary & Newsletter: Suzanne Currie
Membership: Mike Miller
Plant Sales Table: Margaret Mann
Library: Michael DeLeur
Refreshments: Laurie Forbes
Programs: Alexey Tretyakov
Publicity: Sheila Wilson
Director at Large: Bryan Emery

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

2019

September 22: CVIOS Meeting
Speaker Terry Groszeible, Forestview
Garden Orchids

October 20: CVIOS Meeting & Bag
Draw
Speaker TBA

November 17: CVIOS Meeting
Speaker TBA

December 8: Christmas Lunch

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January 19: CVIOS Meeting

January 30 to February 2: CVIOS
Show & Sale, Nanaimo North Town
Center

February 16: CVIOS Meeting

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Speaker: Terry Groszeible, Forestview Garden Orchids, Growing Phaphiopedilum Orchids – his bio is below

Terry will have plants for sale at the meeting.

Orchid pre orders from Forestview can be made until September 20

www.fvgardens.com

INFORMATION

- Beginning September 22, the new meeting place for CVIOS will be the North Oyster Community Hall, 13467 Cedar Rd. Meetings will take place Sundays 11:30 to 2:30. If anyone requires a ride to the meetings, please email Suzanne suzcur.sc@gmail.com
- Members who offered to bring refreshments on the 22nd are Shaun, Valerie, Judy and Alexey
- Monday September 23, Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids is speaking in Victoria. Carpooling will be arranged for those who would like to attend
- If members would like to post something in the newsletter such as a photo, article or orchid items for sale please email Suzanne suzcur.sc@gmail.com
- Membership is due now. The membership form is on the last page
- An orchid enthusiast's poem entitled Obsession by Susan Fordyce is on page 5
- June Minutes are on page 3 and the June AGM minutes are on page 4

Terry Groszeible, Forestview Garden Orchids:

Terry Groszeible grew up in Southern Ontario. After graduating with a diploma in horticulture, Terry worked for Agriculture Canada as a horticulturalist for 5 years. After that, Terry became the head grower and production manger for two large greenhouse operations in Ontario. In 2005, terry and his wife and business partner, Charlotte Teggan moved Forestview Gardens to BC where they put their many years of growing experience to

work. Forestview specializes in Phaphiopedilum. They also grow a wide variety of other orchid genera including Cattleya, Dendrobium, Miltoniopsis, Oncidium and others. You can visit their website at www.fvgardens.com

CVIOS Minutes

June 22, 2019

President Dora Glover brought the meeting to order at 12pm with 30 members present. The guest speaker is Alan Koch of gold Country Orchids.

Review of May minutes. Sandra moved to accept Connie second. Motion carried.

Treasures Report:

Darlene reviewed revenue, expenses and the bank account activity up to the last months end. September report will include June, July and August Sean moved to accept treasures report Sheila second. Motion carried.

Membership:

Fees are due for membership. Presently CVIOS has 55 members. 10 are family memberships. Fees are due by Oct 31. The CVIOS year is July 1st to June 30th.

Plant Sales:

Unfortunately, Alan's plants that were to be on sale were stopped at the Canadian border.

Programs:

Fred Clarke is speaking in Victoria in September. CVIOS has Terry, from Forestview speaking. Alexey will investigate Fred Clarke coming to CVIOS and moving Terry to October. If that does not happen, car pooling to see Fred will be arranged.

Alexey is scheduling Margaret Pratt and Mitch Nichol for future speaking dates.

Old Business:

The move to new location is Sunday (tomorrow). Please help if you are able.

The summer picnic is at Bryan Emery's home July 28. Suzanne will send an email reminder and carpool information.

New Business:

Members are needed for the display set up and transportation of plants to the Fraser Valley Show October 26 & 27

Before the September meeting, Suzanne will send an email to facilitate carpooling to the new meeting location.

Suzanne stated we are running low on bark and suggests Orchiata as an alternative. Just Moss in Vancouver sells it. There was discussion regarding the Orchiata bark. Suzanne motions that CVIOS

purchase 10 bags. She will place the order and be reimbursed. Bryan moved to accept, Sean second. Motion carried.

Sean motioned to adjourn. Bryan second. Meeting adjourned 12:20

CVIOS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

June 22, 2019

President Dora Glover brought the meeting to order at 12:20pm with 30 members present. The June 2018 AGM meeting minutes were reviewed Darlene Rathwell moved to accept Sean seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Elections

Positions are as follows:

July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020:

Executive:

President: Dora Glover

Vice President: Leslie Milne

Secretary: Suzanne Currie

Treasurer: Darlene Rathwell

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Sean moved acceptance of slate of officers, Alexey seconded. Motion carried.

Laurie and Darlene converted CVIOS Bylaws to digital format. Copies will be available in September

Sheila moved to adjourn AGM, seconded by Bob. Meeting adjourned 12:37

Obsession

By Susan Fordyce

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Oh Heavens above - I'm obsessed and I'm crazed
More often than not I go about dazed
My orchids have multiplied like rabbits in heat
I try to contain them , but they've got me beat.

I started out small - a gift from a friend -
An innocent hobby - a fabulous trend -
Soon my countertops were crammed and I added a rack
And said "No more room!" - but my resolve was to crack.

A greenhouse window was installed - and a Bay for good
measure
And, lo, skylights were added for the light that they treasure.
The humidifier was next - and some fans for a breeze
(cause the mold it was causing was making me sneeze!)

I invested in Molly bolts and dozens of hooks
To hang up my Vandas like I read in the books.
Soon my shower and tub were filled to the brim
(And my social life suffered, and became very dim).

On the john I installed a fertilizer injector -
A few couplings here and a hose to connect 'er.
She works gosh darn well, though the output is small,
But I have to go to the neighbors to heed nature's call.

Throughtout my kitchen - I pitched it all on a lark -
(But I did save the oven for sterilizing bark)
The cabinet doors had to go - they were abandoned with glee -
Inside I put grow lights - what an ingenious me!

Loud speakers are rigged to play a rainforest tune
(The hoot of some monkeys, the cry of a loon)
I'm sure the plants love it - they never complain
(Which is more than I can say for my neighbors refrain...)

I pilfered a street light from just down the road
and put it on a timer in my humble abode -
Now my rooms are aglow, and it's worth every watt
But the cops raided my place - they suspect I grow pot!

In my closet I've rigged up, by pulleys and chains,
a gaggle of hoses and a series of drains.
I sleep in a bunk bed with my clothes in some bags
'Cause the top bunk houses my collection of Phrags.

My plants take lots of time - but I don't need to fret -
If there are plants to be purchased - there's always the NET.
I find orchids to buy and chat with crazies like me
They give good advice (and they don't charge a fee).

If there's a program to join called "orchids ANON"
I'd check myself in - I'd surely be drawn
But alas - none exist - there's no hot line to dial -
For most orchid fanatics are in denial.

I'd build me a greenhouse, but I'm poor as a mouse
You see - I just rent this apartment - I don't own a house .
The landlord is coming to evict me next week
(My neighbors below me claim their light fixtures leak).

So here's my sad story, my little hobby gone mad,
But I've met great new friends - and that's not so bad -
In fact dear ol' friend, ol' buddy so true,
I'd like very much to come live with you

Central Vancouver Island Orchid Society

Membership Form

CVIOS mailing address: P.O. Box 1061, Nanaimo, B.C., V9R 5Z2, **Website:** www.cvios.org, **Membership Contact:** stelmike@telus.net

Household membership \$30.00 per year (Sept.-Aug.) CASH _____ CHEQUE _____

Name(s) for membership card(s)

Mailing Address

City _____

Postal Code _____

Phone number _____

Email address (This is needed for society correspondence)

How did you hear about CVIOS _____

How long have you been growing orchids? _____

Where I grow my orchids- Check All Applicable

_____ Windowsill

_____ Under Lights

_____ Greenhouse

_____ Other _____

I have (circle one) (0 - 10), (11 -20), (20 -35), (36 - 50), (50 -100), (100+) orchid plants

I hereby give permission to have my name address, phone number and email address included in the published membership list that will be distributed to members only

I _____ GIVE _____ DO NOT GIVE permission for publication

Date _____

_____ ***Please note if this section is not signed, we cannot list you as a member on the membership list***