



CVIOS

Central Vancouver Island Orchid Society



Phal No ID - Bernie K



Brassia Montville Spider.
Bernie K



Schoenorchis Fragrans.
Bernie K

President's Message

Time passes and so we face autumn and winter, time for those orchids to come inside and be warmed up, hopefully for the production of some flower spikes. We'll be having our meetings under Covid-19 protocols and we'll see if that will work for us. I hope that if at all possible you will come and participate. It seems that things are changing with Mike's passing and Dora leaving her home and greenhouse of 62 years. They both contributed so much to our Society. I wish to thank all of the Executive for doing what they could to keep us going over the past year or so and I look forward to working with them again in the coming year.

Many thanks to Suzanne Currie and husband Scott for hosting our picnic on September 12th. A lovely home and scenery and really good food.

Sheila Wilson, CVIOS President

Upcoming :

Oct 17 - October General Meeting. Laurie will be speaking about her experiences setting up an indoor growing space.

Nov 14 - November General Meeting. Topic TBA

Dec 5 - CVIOS Christmas Lunch

Monthly Meetings

GENERAL INFORMATION

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 brought in by members and or speakers can be purchased.

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

**Masks will be mandatory for anyone attending, hand sanitizer will be on hand. 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 and 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

Announcements:

- Thank you to Suzanne and Scott for hosting our CVIOS Summer Picnic on Sept 15. It was a lovely evening. It was wonderful to enjoy an in person event – thanks to all who attended and brought delicious potluck goodies.
- Thank you to the Vancouver Orchid Society for inviting us to join their Sept 22 presentation of Mini Cattleyas by Peter Lin.
- Thank you to the Victoria Orchid Society for inviting to the Sept 27 online presentation featuring Patrick van Adrichem: "A Tour of Kingfisher Orchids".
- We continue to have a large selection of potting mix, MSU fertilizer and plants for sale at the monthly meetings.
- Dora has generously donated many years of Orchids magazine to CVIOS. If you are interesting in taking some, please email Sheila – mesheshe@shaw.ca
- Memberships can now be renewed via an online form you can print and fill out the form at the end of this newsletter. Payments via etransfer can be made at islandar11@live.com or cheque can be mailed to 556 Juniper Drive. Qualicum Beach, BC V9K 2J2
- Thank you to all of the members who are currently caring for donated plants from Mike, Dora and others. We trust that these precious orchids will soon find new homes and we look forward to enjoying their blooms for years to come.



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Please consider renewing your membership today to support the CVIOS. E-transfer payment is now available. Simply fill out the online form [HERE](#) and send your e-transfer to islandar11@live.com

Remembering Mike Miller:

by Bryan Emery

I remember, as a 10 year old boy, my first orchid society meeting. There were so many kind people waiting to welcome new guests. One man stood out in that crowd, Mike Miller. Mike was the go to person in the society. Having been a founding member of the CVIOS he saw it as his duty to help the society in any way it needed. This led to 30 years as the newsletter editor, numerous executive positions, and frequent trips to set up displays at orchid shows. I will always remember arriving at an orchid show to see Mike ever so excited. Someone in the society would have sent an amazing or unusual plant, and Mike would have come up with an ingenious way to showcase it. In the last number of years he started doing the society displays routinely. I will always cherish how he would try to do something different or even shocking for the displays. Always with a happy smirk on his face when someone would notice something special in his designs.



After his retirement, Mike started into Alpine plants. As he has always had a love for small and interesting plants this was a natural extension to his orchid growing. I remember attending an alpine plant study weekend with Mike. We both left that conference with a mile long wish list of plants. I will never forget the joy in his voice during the alpine show. Orchids being an expensive plant set his expectations high. He was almost giddy when the alpine plants were "only 4 to 12 dollars! You can buy boxes and boxes of them" always had interesting stories to share. He was the son of the fishmonger on Fort St in Victoria, Doug Miller. Doug was also a plantsman and orchid grower. Mike spent time in his youth on his grandfather Lambrick's dairy farm. Now the site of Lambrick park in Gordon Head. Working and going to school on the prairies briefly. He was also the taxidermist for the Royal BC museum at one point. Mike then settled into the role of teacher. He was a natural born educator, unable to resist sharing knowledge. I may have heard a few of the stories of his life more than once, but after a glass of wine they were always as entertaining as the first time. I will never forget the one about the neighbor's collie that would chase him as he rode his bike from Grandfather Lambrick's.

Mike met the love of his life, Stella. They built a life together. They have 2 sons (and daughters in law whom they adore) I don't think I ever saw Mike so excited as when he talked about his family and especially his grandchildren.

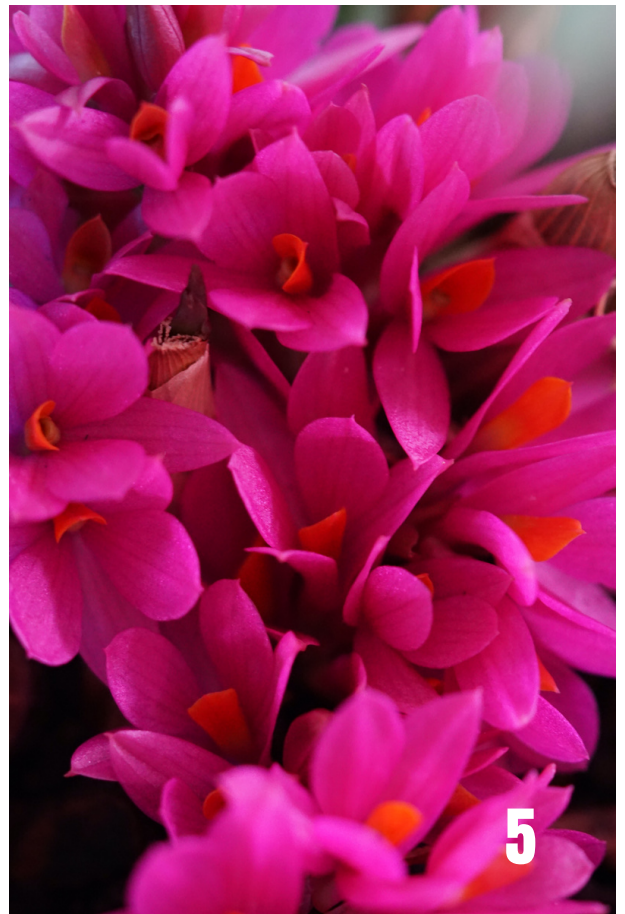
Trying to sum up the life of an amazing man in a few short paragraphs is impossible. All I can do is hold close the memories of orchid meetings, road trips, orchid shows, and friendly gatherings. I will forever miss our late evenings after a day at the orchid show, drinking wine with friends and discussing any topic that may arise. Thank you for all you shared with me Miller.

You were a true friend to me.

Members' Orchid Gallery



1. NoID Phal - Bernie K
2. Bulbophyllum Treschii - Bernie K.
3. Brassia Montville Spider - Bernie K
4. Phal Bellina - Bernie K.
5. Dendrobium Hibiki (bracteosum x laevifolium) - Bernie K.



Members' Orchid Gallery (con't)



6. *Guarechea Black Comet* - Shirley M.

7. *Bulbophyllum-Rothschildianum* - Bernie K

8. *Bulbophyllum A-Doribil Anna Roth* - Bernie K



9. *Stanhopea tigrina* - Alexey T

10. *Phal lindenii* - Alexey T.



CVIOS Summer Picnic



Suzanne and Scott hosted a lovely evening BBQ and potluck at their beautiful home on September 15. It was wonderful to see members in person after the long hiatus. Guest enjoyed the wonderful food and antmosphere including a variety of indoor and outdoor orchid grow spaces - an impressive collection indeed!



CVIOS Meeting Minutes

Sept 19, 2021

- There are orchid order opportunities available. Suzanne will send the emails regarding ordering to members.
- There will hopefully a Paramount Orchid Nursery visit in November.
- Suzanne Will investigate purchasing Orchiata from TG Orchids.
- Bernie said members can now renew their membership. CVIOS members can get discounts at Courteney Pet Center and Buckerfields when they show their membership card.
- There are many plants and orchid items for sale. Dora and Margret have all donated plants and other items to be sold with proceeds going to CVIOS. Mikes orchids are available to members with a donation to the club
- The CVIOS Orchid Show and Sale is tentatively scheduled for Jan 28, 29, 30. Laurie will see if there are dates available in early March.
- The Fraser Valley show is scheduled for Oct 21, 22, 23. If it is still a go, CVIOS will be looking for members to take plants over and set up the display.
- Dora has donated 12 years of orchid magazine. Sheila has them. If members would like some, please contact Sheila.
- Meeting closed 1:15

CVIOS AGM Minutes

Sept 19, 2021

President Sheila Wilson brought the meeting to order at 12:05pm with 21 members present. The Sept 2020 AGM meeting minutes were reviewed. A motion was made to accept the minutes as read. Motion carried.

Darlene reviewed 2021/22 budget. Motion to approve Leslie 2nd Alexey. Motion carried

The 2020/21 executive has mostly offered to stay on in their positions for 2021/22. The only change will be Programs Alexey is stepping down and Valerie Melanson has taken it over with Alexey's help. Alexey will be a director at large.

Elections:

Positions for 2021/2022 are as follows:

Executive:

President: Sheila Wilson
Vice President: Leslie Milne
Past President: Dora Glover
Secretary: Suzanne Currie
Treasurer: Darlene Rathwell
AOS Chair: Darlene Rathwell

Directors:

Membership: Bernard Kespe
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Laurie moved to accept the executive for the 2021/22 season. All in favor. Passed

Meeting adjourned 12:20

Tips for Beginner Orchid Hobbyists

By Dora Glover



- 1) Know that orchids are like potato chips, you can't just have one. They are addictive and a wonderful hobby to get into
- 2) Buy a high-low thermometer and check out the different growing areas in the place where you plan to grow your plants.
- 3) Never pay more than you can afford to lose. Start low in cost and size of plant until you get an idea of what you are doing and if they will live in your area.
- 4) Look for any growers in your area and try to take in all the shows that you can easily get to.
- 5) Find your local orchid society and join them. They are all a bunch of nice people and will help if you ask, but speak up, we can't read minds.



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Membership Form

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

Website: 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)

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)

____ 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 _____