

CVIOS NEWSLETTER

CENTRAL VANCOUVER ISLAND ORCHID SOCIETY

April 2017

CVIOS Meeting are held September to June on a Saturday at the Harewood Activity Center, 195 Fourth St, Nanaimo. Doors open at 11:00 with 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 can be purchased

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CVIOS EXECUTIVE 2016/17

President: Laurie Forbes
Past President: Bryan Emery
Vice President: Constance Gordon-Webster
Treasurer: Joann Grey
Secretary & Newsletter: Suzanne Currie
Membership: Dora Glover
Plant Sales Table: Donna McDonnell
Library: Dusty Smith
Refreshments: Sandra Lathrope
Publicity: Open
Programs: Open
Directors At Large: Alexey Tretyakov, Corey Timmins

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

2017:

April 22: Margaret Pratt:
Fragrant Orchids

May 27: Alexey Tretyakov:
Cold Growing Orchids & Bag
Draw

June 17: AGM

September 23: Meeting

September 29 - Oct 1: CVIOS
Show & Sale at Nanaimo
North Town Center

October 21: Meeting

November 8 – 12 World
Orchid Conference in
Guayaquil Ecuador

November 18: Meeting

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April 22: Margaret Prat: *Fragrance in Orchids*

Margaret is a long time orchid grower, past president of the Vancouver Orchid Society and a very lovely and knowledgeable lady. She has long been interested in orchids that have a fragrance and has written articles on the topic. She will cover some salient points about fragrance, and then move on to showing fragrant species orchids and then some hybrids.

May 27: Alexey Tretyakov: *Cold Growing Orchids & Bag Draw* –
Please donate orchid or garden related items for the draw (bring to May Mtg.)



A Fragrant Orchid: *Neofinetia falcata*

INFORMATION:

- ❖ Award and trophy results from the Victoria Orchid Society show and sale are on the next page – Congratulations to Alexey for winning Grand Champion
- ❖ March 18 meeting minutes are on page 5
- ❖ 3 Tier Light Stand for sale \$250, contact Maureen Hawthorn 250-245-9422
- ❖ Thank you for March snacks: Joanne Grey, Margaret Mann and Nancy Palmer
- ❖ Reminders for April snacks: Shirley McClare, Mike Miller, Alexey Tretyakov, Deb Longland
- ❖ Look for "How to Make a Mounting Board for Orchids" at the end of this newsletter



Photo of Bryan Emery's Display that won an AOS Silver Certificate 'Memorial Art Macgregor', Exhibitor: Bryan EmerySC/AOS 86pts (20174317) Photo: Ed Higham



Winner: Best Visiting Display CVIOS display table at the VOS Show and Sale Photos: Donna McDonnell

Awards at the Victoria Orchid Society Show and Sale:



Gala Grand Champion Dendrobium Mini Snowflake ‘Yulia’ (Dend. aberrans x Dend. Johnsoniae)
Exhibited by Alexey Tretyakov

Also awarded: AOS award, CCE/AOS 92pts (20174316)



Reserve Champion Plant Laeliocattleya Drumbeat ‘Heritage’ HCC/AOS, Exhibited by Paramount Orchids

Award Photos by Judith Higham

VOS Show & Sale Trophy Results:

1. Best Cattleya species or hybrid: Laeliocattleya Drumbeat 'Heritage' HCC/AOS, Paramount Orchids
2. Best Other in Laelia subtribe: Schomburgkia superbiens 'Paramount's Judy Atkins' AM/AOS, Paramount Orchids
3. Best Phalaenopsis Phalaenopsis: Kingfisher King 'Karen', Kingfisher Orchids VicOS
4. Best in Vanda group: Vandopirea Little One, Cat Frutiger VicOS
5. Best in Angraecum group: Angraecum superbum, Paramount Orchids
6. Best in Pleurothallis group – The Lynn Cassidy Memorial Trophy Award: Masdevallia Southern Sun, Poul Hansen VicOS
7. Best Paphiopedilum: Paphiopedilum villosum 'Mem. Betty Johnson', Joe Chow VicOS
8. Best Other in Cypripedium Subfamily: Phragmipedium Amitabha 'Prospect Lake' FCC/AOS, Poul Hansen VicOS
9. Best in Maxillaria tribe: Lycaste Abou First Spring, Calvin Wong VOS
10. Best Miltonia Miltoniopsis: unknown, Jill Livesey VicOS
11. Best Oncidium: Trichocentrum splendidum, Paramount Orchids
12. Best Other in Oncidium group: Oncidium Tiger Hambühren 'Dave' AM/AOS, Poul Hansen VicOS
13. Best Cymbidium: Cymbidium Show Girl 'Miranda', Svend Munkholm VicOS
14. Best in Coelogyne grouping: Dendrochilum wenzelii, Diana Rowles VicOS
15. Best Dendrobium grouping: Dendrobium Mini Snowflake, Alexey Tretyakov CVIOS
16. Best first-bloom seedling (not americlone): Dendrobium Royal Wings; Paramount Orchids
17. Best grown under artificial light, on a windowsill or mounted: Coelogyne sparsa, Mike Miller CVIOS
18. COC Trophy for best interpretation of the Show Theme: Bryan Emery CVIOS/VicOS
19. Victoria Orchid Society Show Trophy for the Best visiting Society display: CVIOS

CVIOS MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

March 18, 2017

Connie called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon with 20 members present and guests Poul and Sven from Victoria.

Dora moved the minutes of our February 18 meeting be accepted, Margaret seconded and motion carried.

Secretary's Report:

Correspondence received - The latest AOS Bulletin

Correspondence outgoing - Over the past couple of months we have sent letters of support for:

1. Edmonton's proposal to hold the World Orchid Congress in 2023
2. To the AOS Judging Committee to support efforts of the PNWJC- Richmond to form their own Western Canada Judging Centre. This would increase the outreach of AOS judges to orchid groups and involve bimonthly judging sessions on the island to gives us easier access and more opportunities to submit orchids for judging.

Treasurer's Report:

Joann presented a summary of expenses & revenue from January through February 28, 2017. Shirley moved acceptance of her report.

General Business:

Victoria Show - Those who attended said the show was a success and, the displays beautiful and Alexey won an AOS Certificate of Cultural Excellence Award for his orchid Den. Mini Snowflake.

Vancouver Show - Is March 25 &26 at Van Deusen Gardens. Set up is March 24 (Friday) am. Mike will be taking our plants and doing our display. Drop of for Nanaimo will be at Dora's and Laurie's and north of Nanaimo, Mike's. Mike will be picking up orchids from Dora & Laurie Thursday am. Registration forms and Flower Classes etc are on the Vancouver website. Remember mini displays need a separate registration form.

Programs Update: Margaret Pratt will be coming in April to talk about Fragrant Orchids. In May Alexey's talk is on Cold Growing Orchids. We will also be having a 'BAG DRAW' IN MAY.

Refreshment: Thank you Joann, Margaret, Mary & Ray for bringing goodies.

REMINDERS for APRIL: Shirley, Mike, Alexey, & Deb

Connie thanked Don for getting our Website up & running again.

The meeting adjourned at 12:14 pm followed by our tour of the show table by Poul & Donna and Poul's practical informative presentation of what works for him in his greenhouse.

How to Make a Mounting Board for Orchids

In nature, many orchids (*Cattleya* sp.) grow on tree bark and do not require soil. These epiphytes have specially adapted roots that absorb water quickly during tropical downpours and slowly release water to the plant. To remain healthy, roots must dry out completely between watering. Mounting these plants on bark or driftwood mimics their natural environment. Plants are often hung inside and treated as a houseplant. In climates where temperatures remain above 50 degrees Fahrenheit at night, mounted orchids can be displayed outside during the summer.

1. Select a piece of bark or driftwood approximately 4 to 6 inches wide and 8 to 10 inches long. If using found driftwood from the ocean, soak it in tap water first to leach away any excess salt.
2. Drill a 1/8- to 1/4-inch hole approximately 1 inch from the top center of the wood. This creates the hole for adding the hanger to the mount.
3. Cut a 4- to 6-inch section of wire with wire cutters. Slip the wire through the hole and bend it into an "S" hook with your pliers to complete the hanger for the mounted orchid.
4. Wet the orchid roots and wrap them gently with sphagnum moss. This creates a reservoir for water that drains quickly.
5. Wrap fish line or fine wire around the base of the orchid to anchor it to the wood. Carefully wrap the fish line between pseudobulbs to prevent injuries to the root system. Wrap firmly but not tight enough to cut into the roots.
6. Hang the orchid in a location that receives bright, indirect light until the plant is established. Gradually move the orchid to more light once the plant's roots are anchored to the wood and new growth appears. The amount of light exposure your orchid needs depends on the cultivar.

Things You Will Need

- Drill
- 1/8- to 1/4-inch drill bit,
- Wire cutters
- Pliers
- 20-gauge wire
- Fish line
- Scissors
- Driftwood or bark
- Sphagnum Moss

Tip

- Water your hanging orchid daily.
- Apply water-soluble fertilizer mixed to half strength once a month by dipping the roots into the solution.
- Remove the fish line once the roots are anchored to the wood