

# CVIOS NEWSLETTER

## CENTRAL VANCOUVER ISLAND ORCHID SOCIETY

June 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:

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

December 9: Meeting

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One of Brian's beautiful Masdevallias

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**June 17:** AGM and the speaker will be Bryan Emery: "Tips on Selecting & Establishing New Plants"

*Bryan will have plants for sale!*

Bryan started growing orchids over 20 years ago and dabbled in them on and off before becoming fully addicted 12 years ago. Bryan focuses on miniature and cool growing species. The bulk of his collection is Masdevallia and Dracula with a number of other genera mixed in.

*This is our last CVIOS meeting until September. There will be a picnic this summer -dates and details on Saturday*

### INFORMATION:

- ❖ Western Canada Judging Center is now judging in Victoria Page 3
- ❖ May 27 meeting minutes are on page 4 and AGM June 2016 on page 5
- ❖ Don Miklic's (the CVIOS websmaster) website report is on page 6
- ❖ On the last page look for AOS judging – Tips to help make you participation more enjoyable
- ❖ June meeting goodies reminder to: Joann, Terri and Margaret
- ❖ CVIOS Orchid Show and Sale is September 29 to Oct 1, Nanaimo North Town Center

*On May 13, 2017 in Victoria (Swan Lake Natures Sanctuary), the following AOS award was granted –*



*Dendrobium* Ueang Phueng 'Evguenia'  
(*Den. jenkinsii* x *Den. lindleyi*)  
Exhibitor: Alexey Tretyakov

CCE/AOS 91pts (20174343)

*Many more awards were granted but I have only included CVIOS members*

## AOS Judging and the new Western Canada Judging Center is now alternating between Vancouver and Victoria:

One of our commitments to orchid exhibitors is to provide opportunities to have your orchids evaluated, and to allow more exhibitors and society members to observe monthly judging processes.

To this goal, we are going to split our monthly judging's to be held both in the Lower Mainland and on Vancouver Island. We have secured a convenient venue in the Victoria area, as well as maintaining our meeting place at Sea Island Community Centre.

For the remainder of 2017, below is the schedule of monthly judging dates, time and locations. This schedule is also reflected in the AOS Events page on their website (<http://www.aos.org/news-events/event-calendar.aspx>) and reminders will be included in the judging newsletters that we send out. Orchid society personnel, please feel free to share this with your society members.

Just as exhibitors on Vancouver Island have been sending plants with judges coming over to the Lower Mainland for monthly judging's for evaluation, Lower Mainland judges will be glad to take plants from exhibitors over to the Island when a monthly judging is being held in Victoria.

We look forward to welcoming new exhibitors and observers both on Vancouver Island and in the Lower Mainland at our monthly meetings!

(also to AOS Affiliated Societies, if your society would like to hold an "AOS Outreach Judging" session at your society's meeting, please contact me and we can work out details)

### Lower Mainland judging location:

**Sea Island Community Centre : 7140 Miller Rd, Richmond BC V7B 1L4**

### Vancouver Island judging location:

**Swan Lake Christmas Hill Nature Sanctuary : 3873 Swan Lake Rd, Victoria, BC V8X 3W1**

May 2017:

- Date : Saturday, May 13, Time : 11:30am, Venue : **Swan Lake Sanctuary**

June 2017: *(WCJC semi-annual business meeting June 10 – 11)*

- Date : Saturday, June 10 Time : 1:00pm (after business meeting), Venue : **Sea Island Community Centre**

July 2017:

- Date : Saturday, July 8, Time : 11:30am, Venue : **Swan Lake Sanctuary**

August 2017:

- Date : Saturday, August 12, Time : 11:30am, Venue : **Sea Island Community Centre**

September 2017:

- Date : Saturday, September 9, Time : 11:30am, Venue : **Swan Lake Sanctuary**

October 2017:

- Date : Friday, September 29, Time : 2:00pm (after CVIOS show), Venue : **North Nanaimo Town Centre**  
*(monthly judging after CVIOS show judging... no monthly judging October 14)*

November 2017:

- Date : Saturday, November 18, Time : 1:00pm (after business meeting), Venue : **Swan Lake Sanctuary**

November 2017: *(WCJC semi-annual business meeting November 18 – 19)*

*(third weekend in November since second is long weekend and WOC)*

December 2017: Date : Saturday, December 9, Time : 11:30am, Venue : **Sea Island Community Centre**

Thank you for your attention.

Abu Salleh, PNWJC-Richmond / Western Canada Judging Center.

# CVIOS MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

May 27, 2017

Connie brought the meeting to order at 12:05 with 15 members present.

Mike moved acceptance of the April 22 minutes, Bob 2nd and motion carried.

Correspondence included the March, April and May AOS Bulletins and the most recent Orchid Digest. As the Library was not available, a signup sheet was put on the front table for people to sign out these issues to be returned at the June meeting.

Treasurer: In Joann's absence Laurie gave the Current Balance.

Programs: Alexey indicated he would be in contact with Bryan regarding our June Program and was working on lining up speakers for the fall. He indicated that Fred Clarke may be available and that there may be some other joint society speakers that we could share.

Alexey also told members about the latest news re the AOS Pacific Northwest Judging Centre (Richmond), conversion to becoming the more independent Western Canada Judging Centre. This means that judging sessions will alternate between Vancouver and Victoria, giving much greater access for judging. He briefly explained the judging process and what the judges look for when considering awarding an orchid with an AOS award. He also outlined the types of AOS awards given and encouraged all members to enter their plants for judging if they feel they have merit.

Show Reminder: Will be taking place September 29 - October 1 at Nanaimo North Town Centre with Orchid Registration and Display Set Up on Thursday the 28th. Because this is the weekend after our 1st meeting in the fall Volunteer & Sponsorship forms were at the meeting for people to sign up and they will also be available at the June meeting and the Summer Picnic.

Some of the longer time members gave information about volunteering for the show, how much fun it was and how it was a great way to learn more about orchids (especially the ribbon judging).

Fraser Valley Show: Will be held two weekends before our show and we will plan for it at our June meeting.

AGM: Laurie reminded us that our AGM in June is also the time for people who feel they want to help keep our group going to think about becoming a Director. If there are any jobs that you feel you might consider taking on and you want to know what it involves please give Laurie a call. It would be great to have someone for Publicity especially as it has been open all this year. Some of us that are doing double duty would also appreciate it if people would consider offering their help as an assistant on occasion.

Picnic & Refreshments: Dora has generously offered to host the picnic again this year. Date and details to follow in June.

Thank you to Sheila, Laurie, Julia & Darlene for the fine goodies this month and REMINDERS  
TO: JOANN, TERRI & MARGARET FOR JUNE.

## **CVIOS Annual General Meeting - June 18, 2016**

President Bryan Emery brought the meeting to order at 12:00pm. Dora Glover moved the minutes of our June 20, 2015 annual general meeting be accepted. Alexey Tretyakov seconded the motion and motion carried.

Treasurer Joann Grey presented the Financial statement for the year ending May 31st, 2016. She highlighted that we had finished the year with a positive balance. Mike Miller moved we accept Joann's report as presented. Dusty Smith seconded the motion and motion carried.

Bryan presented the slate of members who have agreed to let their names stand as Executive and Directors for 2016/17. He asked for nominations or offers from the floor for those positions that were open. In all cases with the exception of Publicity volunteers came forward to fill the vacant positions. The following members agreed to serve as follows.

Executive: President - Bryan Emery  
Vice President - Connie Gordon- Webster  
Treasurer - Joann Grey  
Secretary - Suzanne Currie  
AOS Show Chair - Laurie Forbes

Directors: Membership - Dora Glover  
Programs - Lee Goodfellow  
Plant Sales - Donna McDonnell  
Library - Dusty Smith  
Newsletter - Bryan Emery  
Refreshments - Sandra Lathrope  
Directors at Large - Alexey Tretyakov and Corey Timmins

Note: The following members have agreed to share positions or act as back up when needed:  
Laurie Forbes (President & Secretary)  
Joann Grey (AOS Show Chair)

Dora Glover will continue to be our AOS and COC show representative and Don Miklic will continue as Webmaster.

Dusty Smith moved adjournment of our meeting and Mike Miller seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 12:25 pm.

## CVIOS Website Report

I thought it was about time that I reported to the membership about our website.

When I took over the maintenance of our site it was up and running through Go Daddy and was up loaded via the program Front Page 03. This was OK at first but as time went on, any problems I had with the server was next to impossible to fix. Finally, I found a reliable local server here in Sooke. It is so much easier, now when I have a problem I just drive to the office and get it fixed. In April, we had a problem with the server that took about 2 weeks to fix. The server made a bad move. He changed his portal from Shaw to TELUS and up graded his hardware, all at the same time. This created problems on multiple fronts.

Front Page is the other problem. This program was published in 2003 and was designed to run on Windows XP. Windows 10 still accepts the program but when Windows comes up with a new operating system, who knows. I have tried three different programs over the last few years but to no avail. Most new systems are made for bloggers and will not handle the data we have on our site. If there is anyone out there that can lead me in the right direction please contact me.

Our site gets about 6 million hits per year, some months more than others, which is the most active of all the sites our server handles. I have been contacted by many people wanting more details about the CVIOS. One contact was from a grade 5 teacher in N. Carolina who used our site to introduce her students to Orchids.

I have listed some of the more important data from the site.

Reporting Period                      Month of April 2017

Number of hits                          13,163

### Visitors domains / countries      (Top 10 hits)

commercial	.com	2898
Net_work	.net	4693
unknown	.ip	3053
Russian Fed.	ru	491
South Africa	za	100
Germany	de	217
European	eu	61
USA educational	edu	201
Italy	it	58
Canada	ca	268
others		1096

**Downloads                      171 total**

### Pages-URL                      Top 10 downloaded

Hydroponics	127
Orchid-Doctor	51
Perilite article	40

2017 AOS Show	38
2017 Show Table	32
April Newsletter	32
Newsletter Archives	27
index	22
Links	21
others	437

As you can see our website is a very important part of the CVIOS. If while surfing through our site you find a problem please contact me as soon as possible so it can be fixed.

Regards

Don Miklic

web master

## AOS JUDGING – TIPS TO MAKE YOUR PARTICIPATION MORE ENJOYABLE

The WCJC (Western Canada Judging Center) welcomes members and guests to AOS judging activities at Monthly Judging's and Show Judging's at society shows. You don't need to be an expert orchid grower to observe and everybody is welcome. However, there are a few tips to make your participation more enjoyable:

1. If you plan to attend and observe an AOS Judging at a society show, it would be courteous to contact the AOS Judging Chair of the show. (the Show Chair or show personnel should be able to direct you to the AOS Judging Chair). It is important for the Judging Chair to know who will be at the judging session since sometimes space might be limited.
2. If you plan to attend an AOS Monthly Judging, please plan to arrive at the venue 15-30 minutes before AOS Judging starts.
3. Please bring plants! (...to Monthly Judging's, assuming that, if you have plants for a society show they would already be in displays) Don't be shy, and don't prejudge your plants. You might not know what judges are looking for, and as we have witnessed numerous times, plants that were awarded at shows are plants that exhibitors brought as "fillers".
4. When you bring plants to a monthly judging or a show, please take care NOT to have any visible identification on the plant/pot that will let others know the plant(s) belong to you. Anonymity is important in AOS judging. To that regard, please do not discuss your plant with judges before judging is over. For example, going up to an AOS judge (or within earshot of one) and comment "I brought in this little thing over there, can you tell me if this is worthwhile?" would automatically disqualify that AOS judge from screening/nominating/discussing your plant for an AOS award.
5. If you have a plant that you would like to be evaluated at a monthly or show judging, please bring that to the Judging Chair's attention (and not to individual AOS judges). Judging Chairs are usually not in any teams hence will be able to keep the anonymity intact.
6. All plants brought to the monthly judging table (or entered into a society show display) will be considered eligible for AOS awards unless indicated otherwise (by a plant tag which states "not for AOS judging"). Note: inflorescences that have been screened at previous AOS judging activities (show/monthly judging) cannot be judged again on the same flowering and should bear the "not for AOS judging" tag.
7. Observers who wants to be "in the action" can request the Judging Chair to assign them to a team. While all members are welcomed to observe the AOS judging, please keep comments/questions until judging is over, or if an AOS judge from the judging team solicit comments from you.
8. Please be prepared that if your plant is awarded an AOS award, there will be a processing fee associated with the award (currently award fee is US\$40 for AOS members, US\$60 for non-AOS members)

Most of all, bring your plants and have fun! AOS judging is not as stuffy and regimented as some people think, and we do have fun during our judging meetings!