

# CVIOS NEWSLETTER

## CENTRAL VANCOUVER ISLAND ORCHID SOCIETY

September 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 2017/18

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**Library:** Michael DeLeur

**Refreshments:** Sandra Lathrope

**Programs:** Alexey Tretyakov

**Directors At Large:** Sheila Wilson (publicity), Corey Timmins

### UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

2017:

September 23: CVIOS Meeting: Glen Decker of Piping Rock Orchids will be speaking

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

Saturday Oct 14 & 15 – Fraser Valley Orchid Society Show & Sale at George Preston Rec Center in Langley

October 21: CVIOS Meeting

November 8 – 12 World Orchid Conference in Guayaquil Ecuador

November 18: Meeting

December 9: Meeting

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*Phragmipedium Grande 'Suzanne' AM/AOS Photo from Piping Rock Orchids Website*

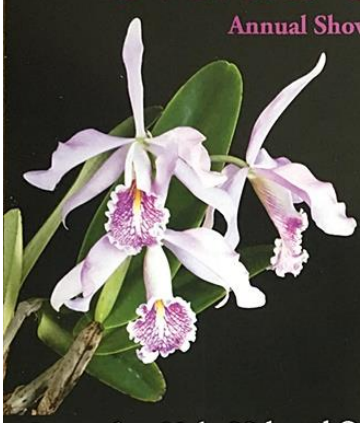
### CVIOS UPCOMING EVENTS:

**September 23 Meeting:** Glen Decker of Piping Rock Orchids will be speaking. The subject will be "Phragmipediums, and How to Grow Them". He will have a limited number of plants for sale. Please try and attend the Sept 23 meeting. This will be the last meeting before the CVIOS show and sale beginning Sept 29

### INFORMATION:

- ❖ The CVIOS membership form is on the next page. It can also be found on the website at [www.cvios.org](http://www.cvios.org). Membership is up for renewal in September
- ❖ Refreshments reminder for Sept: Julia Thunander, Dora Glover, Sheila Wilson, Keith Temple
- ❖ Western Canada Judging Center is now judging in Victoria info and schedule is on Page 4
- ❖ CVIOS Orchid Show & Sale is September 29 to Oct 1, Nanaimo North Town Center
- ❖ Fraser Valley Orchid Society Show & Sale is Oct 14 to 15 at George Preston Rec Center in Langley
- ❖ AOS Sept & Oct Orchid Care is on the last page of this newsletter

Central Vancouver Island  
**Orchid Society**  
Annual Show & Sale



**September 29th, 30th and October 1st 2017**  
Nanaimo North Town Centre  
(4750 Rutherford Road)

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**Friday: 10:00am - 9:00pm**  
**Saturday: 10:00am - 6:00pm**  
**Sunday: 11:00am - 4:00pm**

AOS judged show  
Island, Mainland  
& International Vendors  
Reporting by donation - Saturday and Sunday

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❖ *CVIOS is a non-profit society. Visit our website at [www.cvios.org](http://www.cvios.org) and reach us on Facebook*

# Central Vancouver Island Orchid Society Membership Form

2017-2018

Society mailing Address: P.O. Box 1061, Nanaimo, B.C., V9R 5Z2, web site: [www.cvios.org](http://www.cvios.org)

Household membership \$25.00 per year (Sept.-Aug.) \_\_\_\_\_

Meetings are held September through June on the Saturday near the middle of the month at the Harewood Activity Centre, 195 Fourth Street, Nanaimo, in the hall on the second floor, doors open at 11:30, with the business meeting starting at 12:00 noon.

Contact: Dora Glover, Membership Chairperson (250) 754-9634 –

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Name(s) for membership card(s)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Email address for newsletter \_\_\_\_\_

Where I grow my orchids \_\_\_\_ Windowsill CHECK ONE OR MORE

\_\_\_\_ Under Lights

\_\_\_\_ Greenhouse

\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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

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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. (CROSS OUT ONE PLEASE ) Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

*Please note if this section is not filled in we cannot list you as a member in the membership list.*

## AOS JUDGING SCHEDULE

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**

## AOS JUDGING DATES:

### **September 2017:**

The Western Canada Judging Center's monthly judging in September will be held on Friday, September 29 at the Central Vancouver Island Orchid Society Show & Sale at Nanaimo North Town Center. CVIOS show judging starts at 9:30 am followed by AOS nominations at 11 am

(there will NOT be a separate monthly judging at the Sea Island Community Centre / Swan Lake Christmas Hill Nature Sanctuary on September 9)

### **October 2017:**

The Western Canada Judging Center's monthly judging in October, will be held on Saturday, October 14, 2017 at the Fraser Valley Orchid Society Show & Sale at the George Preston Recreation Centre, 20699 42<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Langley, BC

(there will NOT be a separate monthly judging at the Sea Island Community Centre / Swan Lake Christmas Hill Nature Sanctuary on 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**

# CVIOS MEETING MINUTES

June 17, 2017

President Laurie Forbes brought the meeting to order at 12:15 with 23 members present

## CORRESPONDENCE

None

## TREASURERS REPORT

Income and expenses reviewed up to May 31. Joann moved to accept, Dora seconded. Motion carried

## GENERAL BUSINESS

Thank you to Bryan and Angie for the CVIOS show posters. Members please take and distribute around town. Show sign up sheets are here please sign up to volunteer. CVIOS really needs help with the show.

As stated in the last newsletter, AOS judging is taking place every second month in Victoria. Alexey explained how the AOS judging works

1. Botanical Awards
2. Flower Awards
3. Cultural Awards

Alexey can take members plants to judging in July.

Bryan Emery stated that Western Canada now has its own judging center. The only other is in Toronto. Also, AOS judges are open to more outreach programs

Redusol greenhouse paint: CVIOS is thinking of placing a group order for the shading paint for use summer 2018 or CVIOS may be able to order with the Victoria Orchid Society for summer 2018. We will talk about it again in September.

The summer picnic is at Dora Glovers Sunday August 20 at 12pm. Please bring a potluck dish to share, utensils, plates a cup and a lawn chair. Also, please bring an item for the live or silent auction.

## LIBRARY

Can members please return any library materials ASAP. Michael would like to know what members would like to see happen with the library. One idea is a list of library items on the website

## PROGRAMS

Tentatively, the September 23 speaker is Glen Decker of Piping Rock Orchids (now confirmed) Glen Decker specializes in Paphiopedilums Phragmipediums. Plants can be pre-ordered at [www.pipingrockorchids.com](http://www.pipingrockorchids.com) deadline is September 12. Suzanne will send an information email regarding pre-orders.

Hopefully Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley orchids can speak in October.

## REFRESHMENTS

Please sign up to bring goodies beginning Sept 23

## MEMBERSHIP

Membership is \$25 and due in September. Name tags are \$10. A membership form will be included in the Sept newsletter

Meeting adjourned 12:45

# SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER MONTHLY CHECKLIST

## Cattleya

Despite the shortening days and lowering angle of the sun, September can still be one of the hottest months. Water and fertilizer need to be in balance with heat and light. The alert grower will notice, however, that his or her plants are beginning to slow down a bit. Growths are maturing, and the sheaths are giving the promise of the next six-months' bloom.

Check plants for potting needs for the last time this season. Any in dire need should be potted, even some that may be on the cusp, as there is just enough of the growing season left to allow the plants to establish before the days start to get really short and cold.

This is the month for purples derived from *Cattleya labiata* breeding to flower. If you are short on flowers, look into this group. There is nothing that can quite match this type for beauty and fragrance. They are easy to grow, too.

Plants summered outdoors should begin to be prepared to be brought back into the winter growing area.



## Cycnoches

This little-known and under-appreciated genus, which can have male or female flowers, is at its best in the autumn. Plants are quite seasonal, requiring heavy watering in the growing season and then a drier dormant winter season.



## Cymbidium

Summer can be the most rewarding season for cymbidiums. Growths should be coming strong now. The leaves of the new growths are best when they are broad and fairly stiff. The color should be a light green to nearly yellow. Early flowering varieties should be showing flower spikes, so move the plants into a cooler area with lower light. For mid-season varieties, lower the dosage of nitrogen to assist in Spike initiation



## Dendrobium

This is a good season for hybrids of the *Dendrobium phalaenopsis*. Fertilize with a low-nitrogen formula to promote blooms. This is a good season for hybrids of the *Dendrobium phalaenopsis* and *Dendrobium canaliculatum* types. Both are capable of putting on tremendous shows of long-lasting flowers. Fertilize with a low-nitrogen formula to promote the best flowers. *Dendrobium phalaenopsis* can get tall and top heavy, suggesting an attractive and heavy container would be appropriate for this type. Begin to water *Dendrobium Nobile* less frequently in late September



### Rhynchostele bicktoniensis

Both *Rhynchostele bicktoniensis* and its hybrids bloom in this season. Both *Rhynchostele bicktoniensis* and its *hybrids* bloom in this season. *Rhynchostele bicktoniensis*, formerly known as *Lemboglossum*, *Odontoglossum*). The ease of culture, warmth tolerance and eye-catching patterns make it a prime candidate for odontoglossum beginners and advanced alike.



### Paphiopedilum

Standard, green-leaved paphiopedilums begin to show their bloom sheaths this month. Late-season heat waves can blast these early sheaths, so be observant about proper cooling and air circulation. As with the rest of your plants that may have been summered outdoors, it is time to prepare for their move inside. Clean each plant and implement pest-control practices. Repotting, if necessary, is appropriate.



### Phalaenopsis

The bulk of this season's growth is being ripened this month, with growers in cooler climates seeing the first emerging inflorescences. Some night heating may be necessary in the cooler areas. Begin to watch watering more carefully, and reduce feeding proportionately with reduced watering needs. An extra dose of phosphorus and potassium, such as a bloom-booster or high-acid-type fertilizer, is beneficial.



### Rossioglossum grande

Once known as *Odontoglossum grande*, this is a spectacular orchid with six to eight flowers up to 8 inches across. Often known as the tiger orchid, it has bright golden yellow flowers heavily marked with chestnut brown barring. The plants are beautiful with a grey-green cast to the foliage, which is borne on succulent pseudobulbs. It prefers hot and wet summers with cooler, even down to 40 F, dry winters. Grow under filtered light. Watch for snails and slugs that eat the flowers, pseudobulbs and leaves.

