

CVIOS NEWSLETTER

CENTRAL VANCOUVER ISLAND ORCHID SOCIETY

January 2019

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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UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

2019

January 19: CVIOS Meeting, guest speaker is Bryan Emery

February 1,2,3: CVIOS Orchid Show & Sale Nanaimo North Town Center

February 23: CVIOS Meeting

March 23: CVIOS Meeting

April : Possible Plant Sale

May 18: CVIOS Meeting

June 22: CVIOS Meeting & AGM

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February 1,2,3: CVIOS Orchid Show and Sale, Nanaimo North Town Center

INFORMATION

- Please volunteer to help at our show February 1,2,3. There will be sign up sheets at the meeting or call Valerie 250-937-7143. Valerie is also collecting items for the silent auction.
- There may be an opportunity for a group plant order with Orquideas Del Valle, Columbia. There will be more information at the meeting.
- Due to November Paramount visit and December's Christmas lunch there are no minutes.
- Preparing Orchids for our show is on page 3.
- Membership form is on the last page – please submit as fees were due by Dec 1.



Photos of the orchid displays at the CVIOS Christmas lunch, photos by Sean Webber

PREPARING ORCHIDS FOR OUR SHOW

1. Clean the pseudobulbs and leaves (water helps to soften the dry papery covering (cataphyll) around mature pseudobulbs so that you can gently rub it off).
2. Make sure any exposed roots are clean of algae or other deposits.
3. Make sure the media in the container is clean and free of weeds, algae & ants.
4. Wipe the top of the leaves: milk can be used or use a mixture of 1/3 isopropyl alcohol, 1/3 diluted peppermint Castile soap (follow instructions on bottle) or Murphy Oil soap and 1/3 water. Combine in a container. Spray on leaves and wipe with paper towel. This mixture is also good for pests.
5. Carefully inspect plant for pests and disease. Remove pests with alcohol or the mixture noted above for cleaning leaves. Use a toothbrush to get down to the base of the leaves and around the bottom of the pseudobulbs. If there is a bad infestation, leave the plant at home.
6. Inspect the flowers for Thrips and other damage – if a flower is marred by the spots of Botrytis fungus it is best to leave the plant at home.
7. Carefully stake inflorescences if this will help present the flowers to their best (if you can plan ahead of time it is best to train the inflorescence as it emerges and is soft – mature inflorescences are hardened off and can break easily).
8. Take a piece of masking tape, write the owners name on it and affix to the side or bottom of pot.
9. Remove any wire hangers, hoops, etc. and affix masking tape with the owner's name on it so it won't be lost or given to the wrong person.
10. Make sure the plant label is legible and secure in the pot.
11. Water each plant thoroughly before bringing to the show.
12. On a sheet of paper write your name, address and phone number and list each plant on a separate line. If known, list the parents. Please make sure the spelling is correct
13. Place each plant carefully in a large box or container for transport. To keep the plants from moving around and sustaining damage you can put crumpled newspaper around the pots. Some people use cotton, florists' shred or other material to protect the flowers and inflorescences from moving.

Central Vancouver Island Orchid Society

Membership Form

Society mailing Address: P.O. Box 1061, Nanaimo, B.C., V9R 5Z2

WEBSITE: www.cvios.org

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

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

Name(s) for membership card(s)

Mailing Address

Postal Code _____

Phone number _____

Email address (This is needed for society correspondence)

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

Signed _____ Date _____

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