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FOCUS ON PHALAENOPSIS

- ◆ Patrick van Adrichem knows Phals – come and share the joy of growing these most rewarding of orchids!

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President's Message

SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE

This year we are celebrating our 40th annual show and sale. Orchid Fair will once again be held in the beautiful, warm and sunny Moon Flower Room at the Enjoy Centre in St. Albert. The focus of the show is to display your orchids for judging, so start grooming those blooming plants for display. Every plant counts, so if you are not entering your own display please bring your plants for the Society display. If you only have a few show-worthy orchids, make sure to attend this month's culture session, which will present ideas for making small displays with five or fewer plants.

Our hard-working Show Committee has been busy behind the scenes getting everything in place. You the dedicated volunteer make Orchid Fair possible, so be sure to sign up for a job or two at the next meeting. If you can't make the meeting, you can sign up by contacting our show volunteer coordinator, Yp (that's pronounced "Eep") de Boer, at ypentom@telusplanet.net. In addition to earning you free admission to the show, volunteering is great fun and a wonderful opportunity to socialize and contribute to the success of our Society.

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*Right: Cattleya percivaliana.
Owned and grown by OSPF,
photographed by Chuck Taylor.*



FEBRUARY MEETING

SPEAKER

We really like Pat van Adrichem! Pat is the proprietor of **Kingfisher Orchids** in Deep Cove, British Columbia, and a very accomplished grower and breeder of Phalaenopsis. He is also an excellent speaker with lots of practical information to share on how to optimize plant health and blooming. At our February meeting he will be focusing on Phalaenopsis and sharing information on some beautiful new hybrids.

Pat is also bringing plants to sell. There's still time to **pre-order** if you want something special – you should have received a plant list and ordering information by e-mail recently (if you missed it, e-mail OSAnews@shaw.ca and we'll send it to you again). Check out the Kingfisher website (www.kingfisherorchids.ca) and contact Pat directly (kingfisherorchids@gmail.com) to pre-order.

Who Is Patrick Van Adrichem?

Pat van Adrichem spent his childhood growing up at the world famous Butchart Gardens near Victoria, where his father was a gardener. He has lived in Deep Cove in North Saanich, BC with his wife Cathy for 35 years, and has been growing orchids for over 30 years. At Kingfisher Orchids, Pat and Cathy specialize in warm growing orchids such as Phalaenopsis and Dendrobium. Pat has been breeding and cloning his own orchids for many years, and has many crosses registered with the Royal Horticultural Society in England. Over the years Kingfisher Orchids has won over 35 American Orchid Society awards for flower quality, culture, and displays. Currently Kingfisher is breeding to create new hybrids in red, yellow, and art shades, as well as cloning selected species and virus-free hybrids. When not 'playing' with his orchids, Pat owns a local business, Service First Ltd., and can often be seen sport fishing for salmon and halibut!



Above: **Patrick Van Adrichem**, showing a couple of good catches as he enjoys sport fishing for salmon and halibut.

Photograph: Kingfisher Orchids.



Culture Session

Our February session should be fun and inspiring. **Carol Albert will discuss how to make displays of 1 to 5 plants for exhibition.** Carol is really, really good at this, as anyone who has seen the Alberts' orchid displays at shows can attest. The smaller displays at Orchid Fair are often the nicest, and most people can muster a blooming plant or two for a display. So think about entering! Carol will show you how to make a little gem of your own.

Left: The Enchanted Forest, Darrell and Carol Albert's exhibit at Orchid Fair 2016.

Photograph by Edward and Judith Higham

COMING EVENTS

WORLD ORCHID CONGRESS AND POST-CONGRESS TOURS



Here it comes – the Olympics of orchid events! **The 22nd World Orchid Congress** takes place in November 2017

in Guayaquil, Ecuador. Ecuador is one of the most biodiverse nations in the world, with a huge native population of unique plants and animals. The Congress promises to be a wonderful gathering, with speakers and orchid growers from around the world. Don't miss this one - for all the details, check out woc22.com.

In addition to the main event, our friends at **Ecuagenera**, the Ecuadorean orchid propagation centre, will be

holding **pre and post WOC nature tours**. Our own **Orchid Species Preservation Foundation (OSPF)** is organizing a group tour in cooperation with Ecuagenera – are you interested? If so, contact OSPF President Dave Nixon at dnixon@shaw.ca. Complete details of the tours can be found on the Ecuagenera website, Ecuagenera.com.

GO WEST, ORCHID FANCIERS!

Tired of the endless snow and cold? Here's a cure for the winter blues: head west to Victoria, where spring always comes early. Our friends at the Victoria Orchid Society will be holding their Annual Show and Sale from March 3 to 5, 2017 at their usual venue, Our Lady of Fatima Hall on Elk Lake Drive. This year's theme is "Spring Fantasies". Set up and judging are on Friday, March 3, with the show opening to the public on March 4.



The Victoria show always offers a chance to see some different plants in bloom from what we typically see here in Alberta. The Victoria society has some excellent, award-winning growers who always bring out their best. The show also ushers in the start of the 2017 orchid show season, so there is usually a nice selection of vendors to buy from as well.

Sound good? For more details, check out the VOS website at: www.victoriaorchidsociety.com.



OSA MEETING CALENDAR 2016–17

Pull out your Day-Timers – here's our Society's year at a glance!

September 25, 2016	Alan Koch, Gold Country Orchids – Miniature and Compact Cattleyas
October 23, 2016	Sam Tsui, Orchid Inn – Focus on Paphiopedilum / Phragmipedium
November 27, 2016	OSA Annual Meeting and Silent Auction Fundraiser
January 22, 2017	Gordon Heaps, OSA Vice-President, Horticulturalist – Native Orchids of Alberta
February 26, 2017	Pat van Adrichem, Kingfisher Orchids – Focus on Phalaenopsis
March 26, 2017	Mary Gerritson, Orchid Author and Director of the Orchid Conservation Alliance – Miniature Orchids and Their Culture
April 7– 9, 2017	Orchid Fair 2017 – 40th Anniversary!
April 23, 2017	Beginners Month – Hands On Growing Demonstrations
May 28, 2017	Sergio Garcia, Olompali Orchids – Focus on Brazilian Orchid Species.
June 25, 2017	TBA

HERE COMES ORCHID FAIR!

They say life begins at 40 ... if so, we can expect great things from this year's edition of **Orchid Fair**, which will be our Society's **40th Annual Show and Sale**. The show takes place **April 7, 8 and 9** at everyone's favourite venue, the sunlit Moonflower Room at the Enjoy Centre in Saint Albert. We're hoping to make the Fair extra special this year, so mark your calendars and start grooming your plants!

As always, there is no show without volunteers. We need **YOU** to make Orchid Fair a success, so please sign up for a position or three when the volunteer sheets come out at our January meeting. No experience or expertise is required, just enthusiasm!

If you want to help but can't sign up at a meeting, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Yp ("eep") de Boer by e-mail at ypentom@telusplanet.net or by phone at 780-476-7839. If you aren't sure what a job entails, don't be shy! Ask any executive or Show Committee member (see our website, www.orchidsalberta.com, for contact information) and we'll pair you up with someone experienced.

We encourage everyone to **join a ribbon judging team** on Friday morning, April 7. The signup sheets will be at the upcoming meetings, or contact Yp de Boer as noted above, or Judging Coordinator Monica De Wit (monicadwt@gmail.com, 780-470-0910). It's a great opportunity to learn about orchid judging and get to know other members.

ORCHID DISPLAYS

We're very excited about our 40th anniversary show, so help us to make this the best Orchid Fair ever. Above all, we need your blooming orchid plants to display. If you don't have enough plants to mount your own display, enter your orchids in the OSA display. Even if you only have one nice plant in bloom, there's always a chance to win a ribbon, trophy or AOS award. Plant registration forms will be available on the OSA web site.

ORCHID ART

The OSA is once again inviting artists of all ages (youths, adults and seniors) and of all abilities (amateur and professional) to submit 2D and 3D orchid art for display and judging. All art submissions must have an orchid as a dominant part of the piece. Updated information and registration forms are available on our website (www.orchidsalberta.com). The same information will also be sent to art supply stores, schools and societies. **Questions?** Contact Jadzia (pronounced "Yaja") Auschrat at cakesliver@shaw.ca or 780-484-4290.



Above: **The Orchid Fair 2017 poster.**

Printed copies will be available at our February meeting. Please take a few with you and help promote this special **40th Anniversary Show** event by posting it in public places.

Remember, **YOU** are our best marketing agent!

LOOKING FOR SOME HOSPITALITY!

I'm starting to get all the AOS judges organized for our upcoming show and some have requested billeting while they're in Edmonton.

I only need lodging for Margaret Prat from Vancouver as yet. She can speak English, Dutch and French and she is learning Spanish! She is very easy going and a great conversationalist, just so you know.

Please let me know if you can help out – I can be reached by phone at 780-470-0910 or via e-mail at monicadwt@gmail.com. Billeting is a fun way to meet some very interesting people and to help out your Society. Many thanks!

–*Monica De Wit, Judging Coordinator*

Left: The winner of the Orchid Fair 2016 Vivian Thierfelder Trophy: 'TNL', by Eveline Garneau. Photographed by Judith Higham.

ORCHID PHOTOGRAPHY

When do your best plants bloom? Sadly, not every plant flowers during the first part of April. But all is not lost – you can share a portrait of your beautiful orchid instead! **Photography Coordinators for Orchid Fair 2017, Katy Nemeth and Isaac (Ike) Atterbury**, are now accepting **colour photos** for this year's Photography Competition. Photos must be orchid-themed, should be no larger than 24"x36", and should be mounted or framed.

Even if you don't leave the Show with a ribbon in hand, you'll definitely leave with the satisfaction of knowing that your photograph was enjoyed by hundreds of orchid enthusiasts while on display at the Enjoy Centre. You don't need to be a professional photographer to capture the beauty of blooming orchids – check out the photography tips at right to help you take your best shot.

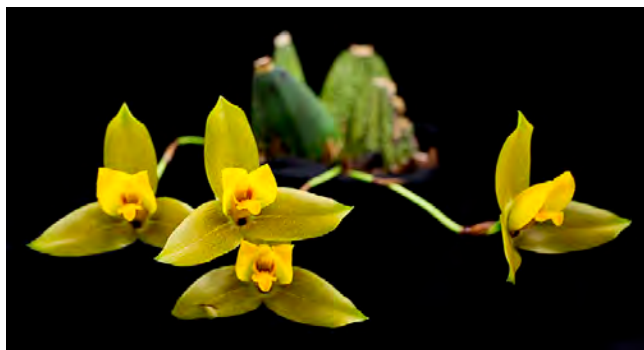
Enter your orchid photos in the Photography Competition before **Tuesday, March 28, 2017**. Entry forms and accompanying rules are available on the OSA website (orchidsalberta.com) as well as at our monthly OSA meetings. Further questions may be directed to Katy Nemeth (knemeth@shaw.ca), or Isaac Atterbury (ikeatt@shaw.ca). Unfortunately, late entries cannot be displayed due to space restrictions, so enter before it's too late!

President's Message, continued

Social media is a great way to advertise, so for any of you who are social media-savvy, please post orchid photos and like and share our Facebook page, 'Orchid Society of Alberta'. If you are not social media savvy, you can recruit your younger family members and friends to spread the word on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and the like. Posters and postcards to hand out to your friends will also be available at the next two meetings. Let's all do our best to spread the word about our show!

This year the Saturday evening awards banquet will be held at Ernest's Dining Room at NAIT. This will be a first class plated dinner (no buffet lines). Tickets for the banquet are available at \$45 each (see page 6 for details). I encourage everyone to attend, especially new members. The more the merrier! The banquet is a great evening of celebrating and socializing. There are also lots of orchid door prizes donated by our great vendors, so please reserve a ticket and join in the fun. You'll be glad you did!

—Darrell Albert, President



Left: Orchid Fair 2016 Weinlos Clinic Trophy winner Lycaste Chris Ellis, grown by Gordon Heaps. Photographed by Judith Higham.

CAPTURES' TIPS

Our photography judges have provided a few tips and tricks to optimize your photos – see below.

Photography Tips From Our Judges

- ◆ Take advantage of natural light.
- ◆ Don't forget to focus. You have to decide if you want to focus on only one flower or a cluster of flowers.
- ◆ Get up close and personal.
- ◆ Think about your angle.
- ◆ Are there any distractions in the background?



Above: Winner of the Orchid Fair 2016 Joe Twyman Trophy Photography Award: 'Sunburst' by Khoi Nguyen. Photographed by Judith Higham.

YUM – ORDER YOUR BANQUET TICKETS NOW!

For our **40th Anniversary Orchid Fair Awards Banquet** we're trying out a new venue. The banquet will be held on **Saturday night, April 8**, at the award-winning **Ernest's Dining Room** on the NAIT Campus. The food will be great and the price will be reasonable, so order your tickets for an evening of fun and celebration!

The three-course menu starts with an Heirloom Tomato Salad topped with marinated greens and crumbled goat cheese. It's followed by a choice of either Chicken Supreme stuffed with sundried tomato and cheese or Beef Striploin Steak served with field mushroom demi-glace sauce. For dessert we'll be savouring a Bailey's and White Chocolate Pot de Crème and an almond shortbread cookie. Better still, it's a plated dinner, not a buffet!

Tickets are a bargain at \$45 each. Cocktails start at 6:15 pm, dinner at 7 pm. There will be a cash bar. Diners with allergies or dietary restrictions can be accommodated with advance notice.

Ernest's has its own parking lot. Just in case, there is also a large parking lot directly across the street. Directions and maps will be provided in our March newsletter.

Banquet tickets will be available for purchase at our February and March OSA meetings. You can also reserve a ticket by contacting Carol Albert at 780-986-8504 or by e-mail at carol.albert@albert-it.com.

READY ... SET ... BUY!

Our Orchid Fair vendors list is still a work in progress, but here are some confirmed sellers to whet your appetite. Remember that most vendors are amenable to pre-orders, but be prompt. Growers from outside the country, especially those outside North America, need a lot of lead time, so get your orders in as soon as you can. Check our OSA website, www.orchidsalberta.com, for updates to the vendors list as they are confirmed.

CONFIRMED VENDORS AT ORCHID FAIR 2017

VISITING VENDORS

Ching Hua Orchids, Tainan, Taiwan
Website: www.chinghuaorchids.com.tw
Email Order to: chorchid@ms15.hinet.net
Pre-order Deadline: March 24, 2017

Forestview Orchids
Agassiz, British Columbia
Website: www.fvgardens.com
Email Order to: info@fvgardens.com
Pre-order Deadline: April 4, 2017

Ten Shin Gardens, Yuanli, Taiwan
Website: www.tenshinorchids.com
Email Order to: info@tenshinorchids.com
Pre-order Deadline: March 15, 2017

Tropical Gardens Orchids
Ladner, British Columbia
Website: www.tgorchids.com
Email Order to: tropical.gardens@gmail.com
Pre-order Deadline: April 1, 2017

Willgro Orchid Accessories
Surrey, British Columbia
Website: www.willgro.ca
Email Order to: marlenevb@shaw.ca
Pre-order Deadline: March 15, 2017

ALBERTA VENDORS

Blue Heron Orchids, Barrhead
Contact for Plant List
Email: ken.lopetinsky@yahoo.ca

Don Hawker, Edmonton
Pre-orders not available

Garden Slippers, Calgary
Website: www.gardenslippers.com
Email Order to: sthillis@telus.net
Pre-order Deadline: TBA

Genesis Orchids
(Monica De Wit), Edmonton
Email: monicadwt@gmail.com
No preorder

G2V Optics (sunlight equivalent lighting),
Edmonton
Website: www.g2voptics.com
Email: mtt@g2voptics.com
No preorder

Terry's Orchids, Edmonton
Email: tpletendre@gmail.com
No preorder



MEMORIES FROM 2016 ORCHID FAIR



WHAT'S IN A NAME?

By Gordon Heaps, OSA Vice-President

In the world of orchid names, the only constant is change.

OSA Vice-President and veteran horticulturalist **Gordon Heaps** has been trying to stay abreast of developments in the world of orchid taxonomy.

Here are a couple of recent name changes:

- ◆ **Epidendrum and Encyclia.** Some species are now *Prosthechea* – as an example, *Encyclia ghiesbreghtiana* is now ***Prosthechea ghiesbreghtiana***.
- ◆ ***Brassolaeliocattleya*** with ***Laelia*** and ***Guarianthe*** in the background has been renamed ***Rechingerara***.

The first person who goes to Gordon at the January meeting, who can spell and pronounce these two new names, will win an orchid from Gordon.



Prosthechea ghiesbreghtiana



Rechingerara

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

We were delighted to welcome the following new members in January. Please offer a hearty OSA hello to ...

- ◆ Donna Klymok
- ◆ Marie MacLean
- ◆ Oreste Virata
- ◆ Agustin Villasmil and Yasmira Martos

– David Whitaker,
Membership Coordinator



**Many Thanks to
PEARL HERDER**

*For the helpful list of names
of the orchids on display on the
January Show Table.*

JANUARY MEETING REPORT

MINUTES OF THE ORCHID SOCIETY OF ALBERTA GENERAL MEETING – JANUARY 22, 2017

Meeting called to order at 2:01 PM. Motion by Terry Letendre to accept the minutes of the November 27, 2016 meeting as read; seconded by Chuck Taylor. *Passed.*

NEW MEMBERS

- ◆ Welcome to Marie McLean, Oreste Virata, Agustin Villasmil and Yarmira Martos.

CULTURE SESSION

- ◆ Big thanks to Iwana Nonay for her presentation on hydroponic growing for beginners.

EXECUTIVE ELECTIONS

- ◆ Huge thank you to Celine Foster for her past work with the Executive and to our new Executive members, Gordon Heaps and Dean Chesterman as Vice Presidents and Cheryl Sadler as Raffle Coordinator.

A MOVEABLE FEAST!

It was so nice to see so many people bring so much good food for all the members. It is a pleasure to get so much cooperation from all of you.

We would like to say thank you to the following people for their delicious donations to the January lunch table: Karl Strickler, Mary Kobasiuk, Tom de Boer, Liz Miller, Marysia Auschrat, David Whitaker, Katy Nemeth, Charlene Lang, Darrell Albert, Cornelia Blunck, Joan Laszl, Etelka Mazotta and Marilyn Simpson.

Thanks also to Paul Paludet, who donated two Phalaenopsis for the lunch table draw. They were won by Mary Kobasiuk and Katy Nemeth.

–Yp (“Eep”) de Boer, Social Convener

MEMBERSHIP

- ◆ Last month to renew; after today all non-renewed members will be removed from the roster.

SILENT AUCTION

- ◆ November’s silent auction raised \$2700. Thank you to all for your donation and bids.

ORCHID FAIR APRIL 7– 9, 2017

- ◆ Set up on April 6
- ◆ Volunteer sign-up sheets available – please feel free to sign up for one or two jobs.
- ◆ No experience is needed, just your enthusiasm.
- ◆ You will receive free entry to the show when you volunteer.
- ◆ Interested in having a display? Even if you have only 1 to 5 plants in flower, you can have a display. We need to know by next month, so we can finalize the floorplan.

FEBRUARY’S CULTURE SESSION

- ◆ Carol Albert will present tips and techniques to design a small display. Perfect timing for those with 1 to 5 plants in flower. Most years the 1 to 5 plant category is not entered.

LIBRARY

- ◆ Full access to the library for all members in good standing. Books on loan for a one-month period. Please make sure to return them promptly.
- ◆ Door Prize Draw was completed. Thank you to all who donated plants.

Lunch Table draw winners Mary Kobasiuk and Katy Nemeth. Plants donated by Paul Paludet.

Thank you to Gordon Heaps, who presented the show table.

Motion by Cornelia Blunck to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Marysia Auschrat. *Passed at 2:20 pm.*

– David Whitaker, Secretary



Iwana Nonay presenting at the Culture Session. Photograph by Bruce Bretzlaff.



JANUARY SHOW TABLE

Best in Show	Phragmipedium Eric Young.	1	Auschrat Family
Best Cattleya	Cattleya Seagulls Beaulu Queen.	2	Gordon Heaps
Best Dendrobium	Dendrobium anosmum.	3	David and Suzan Hon
Best Masd/Pleuro	Masdevallia princeps	4	Gordon Heaps
Best Onc/Odont	Oncidium Twinkle	5	Jim Wallbank
Best Paphiopedilum	Paphiopedilum Michael Koopowitz.	6	Terry Letendre
Best Phalaenopsis	Phalaenopsis NOID	7	Jim Wallbank
Best Phragmipedium	Phragmipedium Eric Young.	1	Auschrat Family
Best Other	Catasetum Rebecca Northen	8	Jim Wallbank
Best Miniature	*Lepanthes Sherry Bridyham (calodictyon x telipogoniflora) . .	9	Darrell Albert
Best Species	Cyclopogon lindleyanus 'Silver Screen'	10	Rosemary Nielson
Best Culture	Cyclopogon lindleyanus 'Silver Screen'	10	Rosemary Nielson

**Please note changes to currently accepted name*

Special thanks to our judges: **Gordon Heaps, Marysia Auschrat and Don Hawker**

Gordon Heaps and Darrell Albert presenting winning ribbons at February's Show Table.

Members mingle and check out the show table.
Photographs by Isaac (Ike) Atterbury.





6 Best Paphiopedilum, **Paphiopedilum Michael Koopowitz**. Grown by Terry Letendre. Photographed by Rocío López-Bretzlaff.

Best Dendrobium, **Dendrobium anosmum**. Grown by David and Suzan Hon. Photographed by Rocío López-Bretzlaff.



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JANUARY SHOW TABLE WINNERS

Best Species | Best Culture
Cyclopogon lindleyanus
'Silver Screen'. Grown by
Rosemary Nielson.
Photographed by Isaac
(Ike) Atterbury.

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7 Best Phalaenopsis, **Phalaenopsis NOID**. Grown by Jim Wallbank. Photographed by Rocío López-Bretzlaff.



4 Best Masd/Pleuro, **Masdevallia princeps**. Grown by Gordon Heaps. Photographed by Isaac (Ike) Atterbury.



JANUARY MEETING REPORT, *continued*



2 Best Cattleya, **Cattleya Seagulls Beaulu Queen.**
Grown by Gordon Heaps.
Photographed by Rocío López-Bretzlaff.

1 Best in Show | Best Phragmipedium
Phragmipedium Eric Young. Grown by Auschrat Family.
Photographed by Rocío López-Bretzlaff.



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Best Other, **Catasetum Rebecca Northern.**
Grown by Jim Wallbank.
Photographed by Isaac (Ike) Atterbury.



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Best Miniature, **Lepanthes Sherry Bridyham** (*calodictyon x telipogoniflora*).
Grown by Darrell Albert.
Photographed by Bruce Bretzlaff.

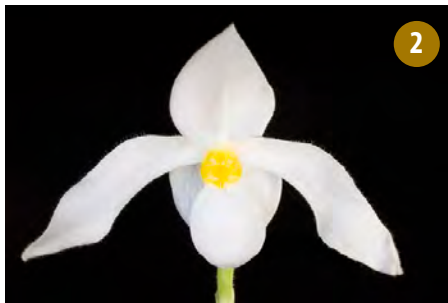


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Best Onc/Odont, **Oncidium Twinkle.**
Grown by Jim Wallbank. Photographed by Isaac (Ike) Atterbury.



NEW AOS JUDGING CENTRE FOR WESTERN CANADA?



To The Orchid Society of Alberta:

Ten years ago, two supplemental orchid judging sites formed under the Pacific Northwest Judging Center to better serve AOS affiliated orchid societies and orchid exhibitors in different areas. One of these sites is in Oregon, and the other one is here in British Columbia. We held our first official judging as the PNWJC-Richmond group in October 2006. To date, 124 monthly judgments, 66 AOS sanctioned orchid shows and outreach programs later, our BC group has demonstrated that with the increasing number of plant entries in shows and monthly judgments, there is a growing need for a Western Canada presence with AOS judging activities. The Toronto Judging Center was established in 1992 with the Montreal supplemental site started in 2005. We are overdue for a strong Western Canadian presence. We are ready to take the next step and separate from the Pacific Northwest Judging Center, to form our own Western Canada Judging Center.

We wanted to become our own independent AOS Judging Center to better serve the orchid societies and exhibitors in Western Canada, with another ambitious goal in mind to potentially set up a supplemental site in Alberta in the future based on demand and support. As an independent AOS Judging Center, we will have more control over spending our personnel resources attending to Western Canada societies for shows and outreach. As an example, we are planning to hold some of our monthly meetings over at Vancouver Island to be more accessible to exhibitors there. We also have plans to invite orchid society members to our semi-annual education seminars to further our involvement in orchid society communities. For orchid societies in BC interior, Alberta and beyond, we are hoping to set up more Outreach Judging opportunities and possibly encourage more AOS sanctioned shows so we can be of more of a presence in your orchid growing community.

With our increased presence we are also hoping to attract more potential students interested in joining our program to become AOS judges. Having more AOS judges across Western Canada and more importantly in your societies will definitely increase interest in orchid growing in the community, and hand in hand, we can help your societies grow as our Judging Center grow. We currently have 15 AOS Judges, Probationers and Students at PNWJC-Richmond, and we are hoping the number will grow in the next few years.

We have operated for the past 10 years with generous support from orchid societies and personal donations. We do not receive funding other than from these supports, and all of our Judges and personnel are volunteers. Our annual operating expenses total around \$3,000, mainly for facility rentals for our monthly meetings, insurance and expenses to attend AOS semi annual national meetings. We hope to be able to count on your support in the years to come as we grow and flourish.

We are planning to submit our plan to become Western Canada Judging Center to the AOS in March, so their Judging Committee can vote on our application at their Spring semi annual meeting held in Florida this year. For the application we also need to attach orchid societies' letters of support. For us to have a successful application, your input is very important. Please send your letters of support for the formation of the Western Canada Judging Center by February 28 and I will include them with the application that I will send off to the AOS early March. If all goes well and our application gets approved by the AOS Judging Committee and Trustees, the Western Canada Judging Center will be in operation by June 1, 2017. We are all very excited about this possibility and we sincerely hope that you will help us by showing your support and be part of this journey.

Thank you for your attention.

Abu Salleh
Chair, PNWJC-Richmond



ORCHID SOCIETY OF ALBERTA

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January 26, 2017

Ms. Aileen Garrison,
Chair, AOS Judging Committee
American Orchid Society,
Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden
10901 Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables
FL 33156, USA
judging_committee@aos.org

Dear Ms. Garrison,

The Orchid Society of Alberta is a thriving AOS affiliated society located in Edmonton Alberta with a current membership of over 180 persons. We were founded in 1976 and are celebrating our 40th annual orchid show this year. Our annual orchid show fills a 15,000 square foot venue and attracts international vendors with an attendance of around 3000 people.

Our society has two accredited AOS judges and we have been supporters of the PNWJC-Richmond group since their inception in 2006. We typically have three AOS judging teams at our annual show and have provided financial donations to help with the Centre's operating costs. Our membership is always excited to welcome and host AOS judges at our shows.

We are excited that PNWJC-Richmond is taking the steps to become an independent AOS Judging Centre. We have a vibrant orchid community here in Edmonton and Northern Alberta. Having an AOS Judging Centre based in Western Canada will support our society as well as other orchid societies in the provinces of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. We are also excited about Western Canada Judging Centre's plan to grow and involve our orchid societies' members with their outreach program opportunities.

The Orchid Society of Alberta will continue to support the Western Canada Judging Centre's operating expenses with donations and we will continue to hold annual AOS sanctioned shows to support the AOS judges at the Centre. We look forward to seeing Western Canada Judging Centre grow to become a valuable resource for the Canadian orchid communities as well as for the AOS.

Sincerely,

Darrell Albert
President, Orchid Society of Alberta

1) *Lycaste Kelvin Grove* 'Tama – Leah'
AM/AOS 83pts
(*Lyc. macrophylla* x *Lyc. Shoalhaven*)
Exhibitor: Margaret Nakahara

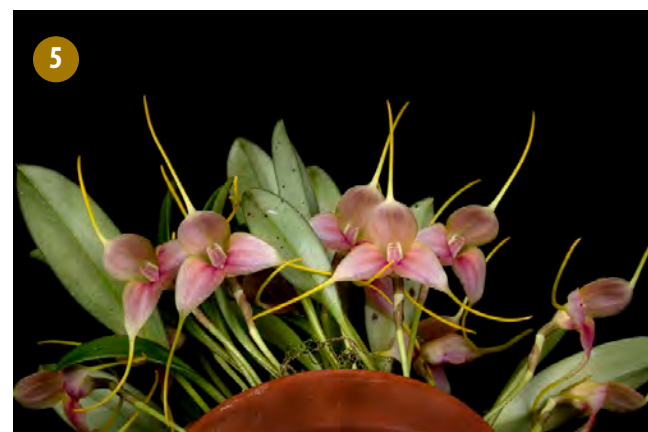
2) *Paphiopedilum Delphi* 'Hazel's Delight'
HCC/AOS 76pts (*Paph. delenatii* var *alba* x *Paph. philippinense* var *alba*) Exhibitor: Hazel Stewart

3) *Paphiopedilum Pinocchio* 'Paramount's H H & M'
AM/AOS 83pts
(*Paph. glaucophyllum* x *Paph. primulinum*)
Exhibitor: Paramount Orchids

4) *Oncidium Tiger Hambühren* 'Dave' AM/AOS
80pts (*Oncidium tigrinum* x *Oncidium Goldrausch*) Exhibitor: Poul Hansen

5) *Masdevallia hartman-filii* 'Conni's New Shoes' CBR/AOS
Exhibitor: Bryan Emery ** award provisional pending species identification

6 & 7) *Tuberolabium kotoense* 'Paramount's Lana Wilkins' CCM/AOS 85pts
Exhibitor: Paramount Orchids



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COELOGYNE MOOREANA



One of 215 species of Coeogyne, mooreana was originally discovered in 1905 by the collector Wilhelm Micholitz, growing in the Lang Bien Mountains northeast of Saigon (now Ho Chi Minh City). This highland montane cloud forest provides the ideal growing conditions for this medium sized, cool growing species. Plants produce three to eight fragrant, four-inch (10 cm) flowers on each racemose inflorescence.

The species was named after Mr. F. Moore, a Director of the Edinburgh Botanical Garden.

This specimen is kept in our cold house on the east, shadier side of the greenhouse. We unfortunately do not know how this specimen came into the collection, but I suspect it was part of the 250 "assorted coeogyne" donated to the OSPF by AOS judge and grower Betty Berthiaume.

— Dave Nixon, President, OSPF

DENDROBIUM GRACILICAULE



One member of the very large Dendrobium genus, this Australian species can be found from southern New South Wales to Queensland. The habitat varies considerably. Plants usually grow on trees in shady rainforests, but they are occasionally found on rocks or in coastal scrub and open forest, frequently in very sunny situations.

It is commonly known as the Delicate Stem Dendrobium, or in Australia as the Blotched Cane Orchid or Yellow Cane Orchid. The plant is a medium to large growing dendrobium, flowering in the late winter and spring as a younger plant. The species becomes free flowering with age, with a drooping, fragrant-flowered inflorescence.



Dendrobium gracilicaule needs a distinct dry winter, starting in the mid fall. Fertilizer is withheld until new growth appears in the spring. This plant is kept in our cold house on the west, sunnier side of the greenhouse.

— Dave Nixon, President, OSPF

Sources:

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DRACULA COCHILOPS



This species is commonly known as The Snail Eyed Dracula, as the sepals protrude and resemble the eyes on the stalks of snails. It is found in Colombia on the eastern slopes of the Andes, in remnants of cloud forest at elevations around 2200 meters.

This plant is kept in the cold, shadier side of our greenhouse. It was part of the Keith Day donation to the OSPF in 2004.

—Dave Nixon, President, OSPF



MACODES PETOLA



There are 14 species in this terrestrial to epiphytic genus, which is found most often within Indonesia. The plants are grown more for the striking coloration and striping of the leaves than for the smaller and less striking flowers. Culture is similar to that given to *Ludisia* and *Anoectochilus*.

This particular species occurs throughout the Indonesian archipelago, growing in a range of habits from damp forests in Java to mossy rocks in forests in Borneo.

Macodes petola has many folklore traditions associated with it. The Javanese regard this plant as being of divine origin and relate the following legend: Long ago a radiantly beautiful goddess, Petola, was sent by the gods to Java to show the uncivilized natives the



right and good ways. Her gentleness did not persuade them, and they chased her away to a rocky outcrop in the deep forest. She returned the next day in an angry mood and the people subjected themselves to her. They pleaded for her beautiful scarf as a sign of forgiveness, but she would not leave it. She returned to the rocky outcrop and while asleep laid her scarf down on the ground.

Soon the ground was covered with lovely plants that bore on their leaves the pattern of the heavenly scarf.

The news of the divine petola spread and people came from far and near to collect plants for themselves. All these uprooted plants, however, began to die. The goddess magically restored them to the rock, breathed life back into them and left them in the care of the mountain fairies. The Javanese explain that this is why the plant cannot be grown away from its place of origin.

This plant is grown on the shady side of the OSPF'S hot house and is lovingly tended for by the mountain fairies on our temporary workers exchange program.

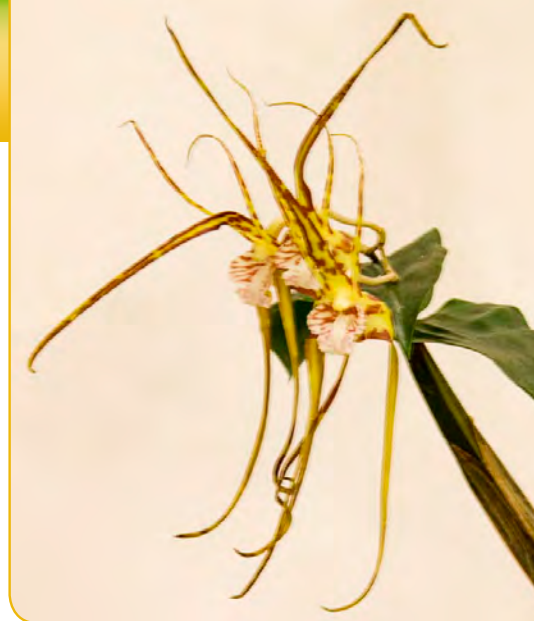
—Dave Nixon, President, OSPF

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Above: Dendrobium Oriental Smile 'Fantasy'. Grown by Hank Tan. Photographed by Isaac (Ike) Atterbury.

Right: Dendrobium tetragonum. Photographed by Rocío López-Bretzlaff.



Above: Rlc Solar Amber 'Whoops'. Grown by Gordon Heaps. Photographed by Isaac (Ike) Atterbury.



Above: A pretty Oncidium hybrid glows on the display table. Photographed by Bruce Bretzlaff.



Above: Ludisia discolor. Photographed by Bruce Bretzlaff.

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Above: *Phalaenopsis amabilis*. Owned and grown by the OSPF. Photographed by Chuck Taylor.



Right: *Zygopetalum maculatum*. Owned and grown by the OSPF. Photographed by Chuck Taylor.



Above: *Porroglossum moscosum* yellow x *Masdevallia ingridiana*. Grown by Gordon Heaps. Photographed by Isaac (Ike) Atterbury.



Above: *Masdevallia* Crystal Follansbee. Photographed by Rocío López-Bretzlaff.



Above: *Dendrobium nobile* 'SnowKing'.
Grown by Gordon Heaps. Photographed by
Isaac (Ike) Atterbury.



Above top: *Cattleya Solar Sunrise Red Radiance*.
Above bottom: A striking *Cattleya* hybrid.
Both grown by Gordon Heaps and
photographed by Isaac (Ike) Atterbury.



Indoor Growing

I just thought that I would share a picture of one of my indoor growing spaces. An old table and a windowsill in front of an east window in our spare bedroom make a good home base for 38 orchids so far, a humidifier, humidistat, and one Christmas cactus.

The three tier metal stand has significantly increased my growing area, and given me the ability to hang orchids (only a few *Draculas* so far). I've moved the bloomers to another room so that we can enjoy them.

I'm thinking that it won't be long before the Christmas cactus will have to find a new home.

– Jim Wallbank



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Coffee and Snacks: Served 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Display Tables: 1:00 pm to 1:30 pm

Speaker: Pat van Adrichem, Kingfisher Orchids – Focus on *Phalaenopsis*

Culture Session: Starting at 12:30 pm, Carol Albert will discuss how to make displays of 1 to 5 plants for exhibition. Be there!

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