

# NEWSLETTER



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**Future Meeting Dates: TBD**

Saturday, May 23, 2020      Saturday, Sep 26, 2020  
Saturday, Oct 24, 2020      Saturday, Nov 21, 2020

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April Meeting - Saturday, April 25, 2020  
\*\*\*\*CANCELLED\*\*\*\*

The April general meeting is CANCELLED, due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic and physical distancing requirements. The May meeting will likely have to be cancelled as well, but we'll keep you updated.



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Greetings from the President

It has been an interesting, challenging, stressful, and even scary early spring season, with the Coronavirus pandemic sweeping across the globe. A month ago it would have been difficult to believe the extent of school, government and business closures, in efforts to “flatten the curve”. We’re all getting an unexpected, up-close lesson in epidemiology. And it’s looking like this human state of affairs will continue.

In the meantime, Mother Nature will move us into the height of spring - day temperatures *will* rise, the sun is feeling warmer, days becoming longer, spring bulbs will start popping up. And our orchids are putting on their spring flowering show!

The membership has answered the call for photos of their flowering orchids, many of which are included in this newsletter, and more to come in next month’s edition. Enjoy.

Take care everyone,  
Tracey Thue

**SOS Executive Elections  
May 23 General Meeting  
(tentative)**

If you have an interest in serving on the Executive, please contact Tracey by email. ([thues@sasktel.net](mailto:thues@sasktel.net))

**May Meeting**  
Guest Glen Decker, formerly of Piping Rock Orchids has had to cancel his plans to visit Canadian orchid societies. There will be no plant orders.

**Silent Auction Fundraiser**  
Our annual fundraiser is planned for May 23, if the meeting can take place.

Thanks to Sara Thue for prepping the photos sent in from the membership, and to Tobi Fenton for helping with artistic design and layout of this month’s edition!  
Much appreciated, Tracey Thue, Newsletter Editor

**A Look Ahead to Future SOS Meetings**  
May 2020 - TENTATIVE - Silent Auction Fundraiser & SOS Executive Election  
Sep 2020 - Sam Tsui, Orchid Inn  
Oct 2020 - Alan Koch, Gold Country Orchids

MARCH PHOTOS FROM THE MEMBERSHIP

Grown by Lynn Campbell:



*Potinara Ruby Delight*  
Sweet scent, grown on east windowsill



*Paphiopedilum Tinicum*



*Dendrobium Stardust 'Chiyom'*  
Old plant, hangs in east window

Grown by Cheryl Adamson:



*Cattleya intermedia var. orlata Rio*



*Cattleya nobilor 'Brilliant'*



*Dendrobium anosmum x sib*

MARCH PHOTOS FROM THE MEMBERSHIP

Grown by Pat Randall:



*Cattleya intermedia* var. *orlata*

I got this species *Cattleya* as a seedling. It has bloomed several years but is stingy for some reason, only giving 1 bloom this time. It always blooms in spring, with a slight scent.

Grown under fairly bright lights in medium bark and allowed to dry between watering. Some say it needs a bit of cool winter rest to bloom, and mine does get that in the greenhouse.



*Cattleya* Milton Warne 'Premiere'

A *Cattleya* hybrid that always blooms in spring for me; the flowers are lightly fragrant.

It is quite tall. Grown in medium bark and allowed to dry between watering. It grows under bright lights, with some summer sun.



*Cattleya schroederae* var. *alba* ('SVO' x 'SVO11')

A *Cattleya* species that has been in bloom since Feb. 28th. This photo was taken about March 20th. It blooms this time every year and usually goes to the Edmonton orchid show. It is pleasantly scented.

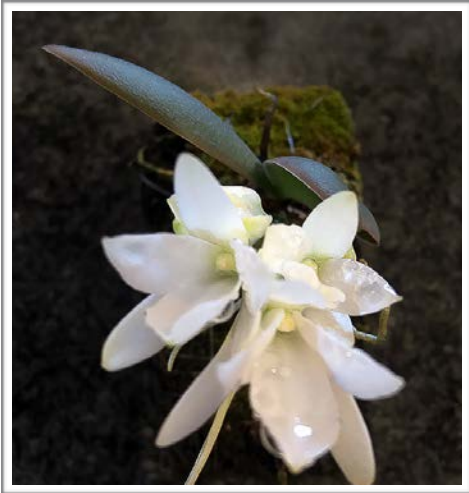
When I hosted Fred Clarke in October, he told me that the chance of having a true white *C. schroederae* is nearly impossible, so he was very amazed. He told me to add the var. *alba* to the name.

I have it in a 12" pot and grow it under lights and some summer sun in the greenhouse. Grown in medium bark and allowed to dry between watering.



MARCH PHOTOS FROM THE MEMBERSHIP

Grown by Heather Anderson:



*Aerangis fastuosa*

I grow both of these miniatures (left and right) in my orchidarium. Temperature range is 64 - 74F. The orchidarium is watered every day, giving 99% humidity. Fans run 24 hours per day for lots of air circulation.

The *Aerangis* has 5 flowers and 2 leaves. The *Microterangis* has 10 racemes of long-lasting flowers.

Neither orchids are fragrant.



*Microterangis hariotiana* 'Trixie'

Grown by Heather Anderson:



*Coelogyne fimbriata*

Grown by Donna Carlson-O'Keefe:



*Slc Cosmic Delite* 'SVO' AM/AOS x  
Pot. Louise Clarke 'Outstanding'

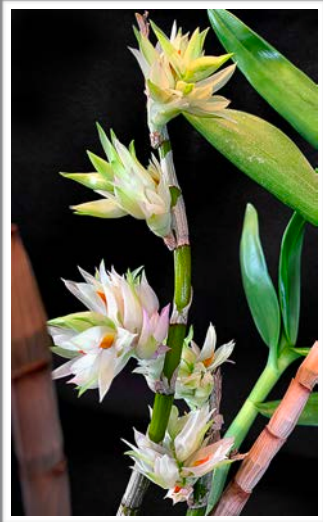
Grown by Tracey Thue:



*Paphiopedilum Bagley* 'Mont Millais'  
AM/RHS x Global Challenger  
'Winchester'

MARCH PHOTOS FROM THE MEMBERSHIP

Grown by Kathryn Hiller:



*Dendrobium bracteosum x sib red*

Acquired last year at the SOS garage sale. Kept in the south-facing kitchen window. I moved it away from the window during the coldest part of winter.



Two white *Phalaenopsis*

“The Twins” - grow together in the laundry room on the dryer near a west window, with a grow light nearby.



*Maxillaria variabilis*

Acquired at Gardenscape about 5 years ago. I keep it on an east window sill year-round. It blooms consistently each winter. This year it started in mid-January, and should continue until April. It has a mild floral scent.



*Phragmipedium Andean Fire*

A division from Bob L. in 2016. Flowers every spring, this year with 2 spikes. It gets indirect light from a west window. The flowers seem to last longer than when it was in a room with southern and eastern exposure.

I changed to the new 13-3-15 fertilizer that was offered at the supplies table earlier this year. All of my plants are thriving on it, including a 2-year old *Poinsettia* in full bloom!



MARCH PHOTOS FROM THE MEMBERSHIP

Grown by Calvin Lo:



*Angraecum didieri*

An easy to grow Madagascan angraecoid, fragrant at night. Can be grown mounted or potted, but enjoys quickly drying out between watering. This is in a mix of bark, sphagnum, and perlite.



*Angraecum aff. litorale*

This could be *Angraecum elephantinum* but it's difficult to know for sure. A more elegant and delicate version of *Angraecum didieri*, but no detectable fragrance that I could tell.

Grown mounted and watered daily under intermediate - warm temperatures.



*Ancistrochilus rothschildianus*

A wonderful African species that is just starting to bloom. Fragrance is a bit odd, kind of like a synthetic plastic but not unpleasant. Grows easily in sphagnum bark mix, with a slightly cooler winter. Has cute Hershey's Kisses-shaped pseudobulbs.



*Ceratosiella* LOC Hello Kitty

An interesting primary hybrid between *Amesiella monticola* and *Ceratocentron fessellii*. First bloom seedling; there are much better clones out there with more vibrant red and longer spurs, but this one is cute.

MARCH PHOTOS FROM THE MEMBERSHIP

Grown by Calvin Lo:



*Dendrobium aff. wattii*

Not likely the true *Dendrobium wattii* as the lip looks different, but nice nonetheless. No fragrance detected; first time blooming for me.

This is one of the nigrohirsute/formosae dendrobiums, characterized by black hairs along the leaves and canes. It is my favourite section of dendrobium.



*Phalaenopsis javanica*

A cute little Phalaenopsis, quite fragrant in the day when it's sunny. The flowers are very small and tend to be downward facing, so not ideal.

Easy grower in moist media, e.g. sphagnum.



**AOS Western Canada Judging Centre Show Judging Results**

**Central Vancouver Island Orchid Society Show January 31, 2020**

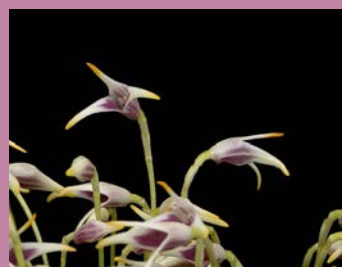
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***Masdevallia wendlandiana***  
**'Thanks Chuck...'** CCM/AOS 78 pts

Exhibitor: Alexey Tretyakov



***Dendrobium Nora Tokunaga***

**Paramount's Valerie & Gabychat'** HCC/AOS 76 pts

*(Dendrobium atrovioleaceum x Dendrobium rhodostictum)*

Exhibitor: Paramount Orchids



**Show Trophy 'Orchids From Afar' ST/**  
**AOS 83 pts**

Exhibitor: Central Vancouver Island Orchid Society

**AOS Western Canada Judging Centre Show Judging Results**

**Victoria Orchid Society Show February 29, 2020**

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***Phragmipedium Andean Fire***  
**'Joelle's Smile' CCM/AOS 83 pts**  
(*Phragmipedium besseae* x  
*Phragmipedium lindleyanum*)  
Exhibitor: Diana Rowles

**Show Trophy 'Hey Rick, I miss you!'**  
**ST/AOS 84 pts**  
Exhibitor: Bryan Emery & Leda Bower





## *Yearning*

bright moths in moonlight -  
dance in a warm spring rainfall  
with immunity

*Phalaenopsis parishii* var. *alba*

## *Code of Conduct*

gold copper and bronze:  
did Croesus value his wealth  
of health 'til the end?

*Oncidium croesus*



Poems and orchids by Tobi Fenton