

Volume 6, Issue 1 September 2015

### Announcements:

Speaker Series: 8:30-9:30 Floral Hall, VanDusen Gardens
September 23: Jennifer Fabre—Travels with Jennifer: Borneo Orchid Adventure
October 28: Margaret Prat—the genus Phiaus
November 25: Christmas Social
December 23: no meeting
January 27: TBD

February 24: Lorne Heska—Orchid Conservation or orchid hunting in northern Manitoba March 23: TBD April 27: David LaFarge (France) - Phalaenopsis species

May 25: TBD June 22: Thomas Mirenda (USA) - topic TBD

<u>Culture Class</u>, held in the Cedar room, VanDusen Gardens from 6:30 to 8: 30 pm, all orchid related questions welcome - *culture class is a members' only benefit* September 14 - Orchids 101 October 12: TBD

November 9: TBD

### Upcoming Events

#### PNWJC

The Pacific Northwest Judging Center (PNWJC) meets every 2nd Saturday of the month at Sea Island Community Center, 7140 Miller Road, Richmond, B.C. at noon. Everyone is welcome to bring their orchids for consideration by the American Orchid Society judges. Why attend? This is an opportunity to see more orchids, and many orchids of award quality. Small, friendly atmosphere.

**2015 calendar**: October 2 November 14

December 12

### Upcoming Shows & Sales

October 2 – 4, 2015.. Central Vancouver Island Orchid Society Show and Sale, Nanaimo, BC. <u>http://www.cvios.org/</u>

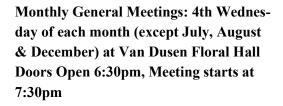
**Oct 16-18**, **2015**. <u>The Orchid Species Preservation Foundation of Alberta</u> is producing its second annual orchid exhibit and seminar at the Salisbury Greenhouse 52337 Range Rd 232, Sherwood Park, AB T8H 2T1

**October 30-November 1, 2015**. Fraser Valley Orchid Society Show and Sale, George Preston Arena, 20699 42 Ave. Langley B.C.

**November 19 – 21, 2015** Scientific Orchid Conference on Andean Orchids. Cali, Columbia. Further information can be found at <u>http://andeanorchidconference.org/site/?lang=en</u>

March 26-27, 2016. Vancouver Orchid Society Annual Show and Sale.

April 16-17, 2016. Ottawa Orchid Society 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Orchid Show and Sale



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## Message from a VOS Board Member:

Dear fellow orchid addicts,

I am writing this while staring out the window on a grey wet Vancouver day. It's the first real rainy day since May and I swear I can hear the gardens (or at least all the gardeners) breathing a sigh of relief. It also heralds the change of the season, summer is drawing to a close and soon fall will be upon us, along with a new season at the VOS and a new executive (of which I am one). On behalf of the 2015/2016 Executive, I would like to take this opportunity to thank retiring members of the previous executive for all their hard work: Ryan Young (2<sup>nd</sup> VP), Ray Sword and Jennifer Fabre (Directors) and Margaret Prat (Past President).

Special thanks go to Margaret, who, although holding the title of Past President last year, operated as de facto President, chairing meetings, organizing shows and pretty much doing anything and everything that was needed. She has donated a lot of time and effort to the society and we all have benefited from her work. Although Margaret is no longer part of the executive, her efforts for the society are not ending, she is leading the first Culture Class of the season, Orchids 101 on September 14<sup>th</sup>, will be speaking at our October meeting on the genus Phiaus, and, thankfully, has volunteered to chair the spring show and sale. Thanks again, Margaret. Now if only we could find a new President.....

I want to give a special mention to Jennifer Fabre, who also has been a busy lady, involved in the membership committee, helping to get our website revamped, working on the organizing and advertising for the spring shows and sales, among other things. She will be giving the first talk of this season, on her recent orchid hunting trip to Borneo at our monthly meeting on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. I am looking forward to hearing about her adventures!

Thanks also to Margaret Elvidge for her years of service at the raffle table at our monthly meetings (and to all who donate the plants and other prizes). She is stepping down and Chuck and Audrey Belotte are taking over. I, for one, particularly like the raffles; I won one of my favourite orchids, a lovely red SLC, from the raffle table.

And thanks to all the others, who have volunteered their time to various events. It is the volunteers that make the Vancouver Orchid Society's events, like the recent August Sale, and our presence at the Van Dusen 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event possible. I was out of town and missed these events, but I have heard that both were successes: Erik Nilsen and Richard Pearson spearheaded efforts for the sale, and Barb Cable and Monica Stefansson organized the Van Dusen event. Their efforts, along with the others who came and helped out are much appreciated.

So don't be shy when we come looking for volunteers for upcoming events or other aspects of the VOS. Volunteering is a great way to get to know other members, have some fun and keep the society running. Both long time and new members can play vital roles here. And as I mentioned, we are still looking for a new President.....

Cheers all,

Jennifer Pell, Secretary

P.S. Adam Ludlow has taken on the role of updating the VOS website and Facebook page. Our website is beautiful, but was in need of upkeep so we can get our word out to current and future members and now Adam will be doing this (yeah!).

### **Executive/Board of Directors**

President : vacant

1st VP: Evelyn Nash

2nd VP (culture class): Barbara Cable

Secretary: Jennifer Pell

Treasurer: Judy Buttress

Past-Past-President: Margaret Prat

Director 1 : Calvin Wong

Director 2 : Jennifer Fabre

Director 3 : Daniel Kwok

Director 4 : Eugene Bazinger

Director 5 : Grant Rampton

Director 6 : Keith Willet

Director 7: Monica Stefansson

Director 8: Patrick Milligen

Speakers: Calvin Wong

Volunteer/Committees

Membership Committee: Grant Rampton, Keith Willett, & Jennifer Fabre

Prize Draws: Chuck & Audrey Belotte

Kitchen: Marilyn Lew & Maureen Burke

BCCoGC Rep: vacant

Library: Monica Stefansson

COC/AOS Rep: Calvin Wong

Web Master: Adam Ludlow

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### **Article/Photo Submission Deadline:**

The 10th of each month. Anything submitted after the 10th will appear in the newsletter of the following month.

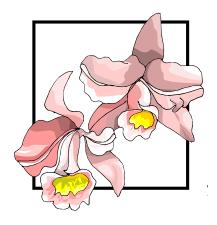
### Ten Shin Gardens—Pre-Order Deadline is Oct 10th!

Matt from Ten Shin Gardens will be at the Fraser Valley Orchid Society Show this fall (October 30-Nov 1). He has sent the attached plant lists for you to pre-order with pickup of your order at the FVOS Show. Prices are in USD and orders are due by Oct 10th.

Please email Matt with your orders: info@tenshinorchids.com

He will reply to you with an invoice, if he does not reply PLEASE re-send your order.

Ten Shin always has some special plants so this is your chance to get something new to add to your collection.



### **Cypripedium Advice:**

"When I say that cypripediums grow like Hostas, this only applies for adult plants in beds or in the garden. In pots they are really sensitive and not long-lasting for most horticulturists. A pot should be only a wrapping for sales, not more. In this respect cypripediums behave similar to several other exclusive perennials. So I warn about thinking of cypripediums as pot plants."

Michael Weinert, Frosch® Exclusive Perennials and Agency for "HardyOrchid® Wholesaler" www.cypripedium.de

Submitted by Bill Bischoff

## Summer Orchid Sale August 15, 2015



Photographer: Marilyn Lew

Check the October Newsletter for more details regarding this popular annual summer event as well as more photos.



# Monthly Show Table 24 June 2015



Neostylis 'Lou Sneary' Display

**Exhibitor Daniel Kwok** 



Ioniopsis utriculariodes Unusual Species

**Exhibitor Margaret Prat** 

### All Photographs by: Judith E. Higham

If you would like a picture of your plant, please email Judy and she will gladly email you the file

Higham@shaw.ca



Dendrobium Snowflake Plant Culture

Exhibitor Melanie Gallacher



Encyclia mariae Unusual Species

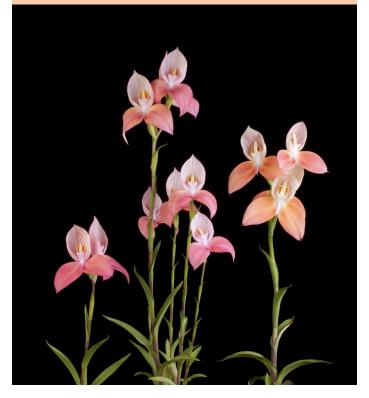
Exhibitor Eugene Banziger

## Monthly Show Table 24 June 2015 (cont'd)



Disa Glasgow Orchid Conference Flower Quality Exhibitor Ray Sword

Disa Group Members' Choice Exhibitor Ray Sword





Disa Sunset Flower Quality Exhibitor Ray Sword

Phalaenopsis Sogo Grape Flower Quality

Exhibitor Melanie Gallacher



## Pacific Northwest Judging Centre At Foothills Orchid Society Show 23 May 2015









## **Pacific Northwest Judging Centre At Foothills Orchid Society Show 23 May 2015 (cont'd)**



Monica DeWit **Ross Otto Calvin Wong Charles Wilson** 

**David Edgley Ben Rostron Russ Volker** Susan Wilson

#### **Photographer:**

Doug Savage



## Pacific Northwest Judging Centre 13 June 2015



Paphiopedilum Wössner China Moon 'Bella' AM/AOS 87pts (Paph. armeniacum x Paph. hangianum) Exhibitor: Edward Sushynski



Phalaenopsis LD's Bear Queen 'Fancy Nancy' HCC/AOS 77pts (Phal. Dragon Tree Eagle 'DT#1' AM/AOS x Phal. bellina 'Taiwan') Exhibitor: Pat van Adrichem



Phalaenopsis LD's Bear Queen AQ/AOS (Phal. Dragon Tree Eagle 'DT#1' AM/AOS x Phal. bellina 'Taiwan') Exhibitor: Pat van Adrichem

Phalaenopsis LD's Bear Queen 'Paige' AM/AOS 81pts (Phal. Dragon Tree Eagle 'DT#1' AM/AOS x Phal. bellina 'Taiwan') Exhibitor: Pat van Adrichem



Phalaenopsis LD's Bear Queen 'Latifah' AM/AOS 80pts (Phal. Dragon Tree Eagle 'DT#1' AM/AOS x Phal. bellina 'Taiwan') Exhibitor: Pat van Adrichem



## Pacific Northwest Judging Centre 13 June 2015 (cont'd)

#### Judges in attendance:

Monica De Wit Poul Hansen Ingrid Ostrander Betty Berthiaume Bev Hansen (student) David Edgley Wayne Louie Abu Salleh Russ Volker Margaret Prat (student)

#### Photographer:

Judith Higham





Miltoniopsis Lee Harold Fister, Jr. 'Fabulous' CCM/AOS 83pts (Mps. Maui Sunset 'Lemon Bells' x Mps. roezlii var. xanthina) Exhibitor: Poul Hansen

#### Judges in attendance:

Poul HansenWayne LouieIngrid OstranderAbu SallehDeborah WardCalvin WongRuss VolkerBev Hansen (student)Margaret Prat (student/probationer)Ryan Young (student)

**Photographer:** Alexey Tretyakov

## 11 July 2015



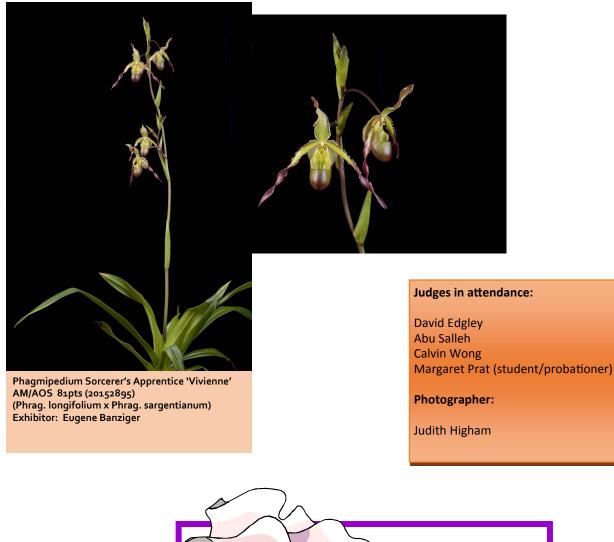
Miltoniopsis Bellaire 'Eureka Gold' HCC/AOS 75pts (Mps. Saffron Surprise 'Buttercup' x Mps. roezlii var. xanthina) Exhibitor: Poul Hansen

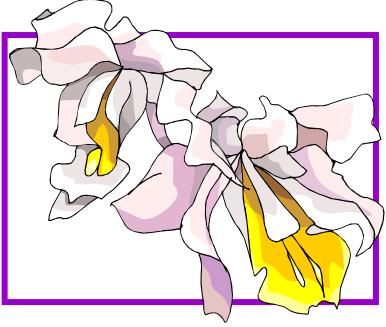




Phalaenopsis Lyndon Ever Emerald 'Montclair' AM/AOS 80pts (Phal. Ho's Dreamy Emerald x Phal. Chong Mow Evergreen) Exhibitor: Pat van Adrichem

## Pacific Northwest Judging Centre 08 August 2015





## What's In Bloom At The Muttart July 2015

## Cuitlauzina [Cu.] pendula

Commonly known as the pendent or drooping cuitlauzina; it is one of eight species that currently make up this genera named after the Mexican King cuitahuazin.

It is found in Western Mexico growing on trees in oak or pineoak forests in the Pacific coastal mountains bordering the Balsas Basin.

This specimen was part of the Keith Day donation and was for a long time known as Odontoglossum [Odm.] citrosmum. It is grown in the intermediate green house and the sunnier (west) facing side. It also requires a cool dry rest period over the winter



## Prosthechea [Psh.] ionocentra

One of the 122 species that comprise of this genera. Until recently this species along with 5 others form their own genera known as Panarica which was a combination of the two countries where they are found ; namely Panama and Costa Rica growing at altitudes from 2950 to 5250 ft. (900-1600 m).

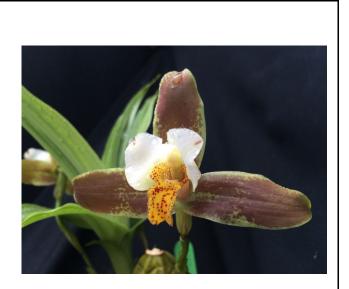
It is grown in our intermediate greenhouse on the sunnier (west side).





## What's In Bloom At The Muttart July 2015 (cont'd)

## Lycaste [Lyc.] deppei



Lycaste deppei is found in Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, and Nicaragua normally grow as epiphytes in wet mountain forests at 3600-5600 ft. (1100-1700 m), but are sometimes found growing on rocks.

The specimen is grown in our hot section on the sunnier (west) side of the greenhouse

Commonly known as Deppe's Lycaste in honor of Ferdinand Deppe (1794–1861) who was a German naturalist, explorer and painter.

Deppe travelled to Mexico in 1824. He collected natural history specimens for the Berlin Museum with Count von Sack and William Bullock. He also collected in California and Hawaii on his way home in 1830.

There are 49 species currently in the Lycaste genera: whose range extends from Central America, the West Indies and South America south to Peru and Bolivia

The genera is name after a greek nymph and daughter of Priamos the king of the Trojans.

The collection currently holds 12 species (~ 25% of the genera)

## Corallorhiza [Corallz.] trifida



I thought I would end on something completely different. This orchid will not be found in the Muttart orchid Collection as you will have to explore the Wagner Natural Area instead.

This is one of the 28 native species of orchid native to Alberta was taken with my cellphone while on a guided tour of the Wagner Natural Area by David Fielder.

I believe this is Corallorhiza trifida. Next time I go for a walk with an expert I will take better notes.

So given I do have to describe its habitat I will just end by saying you don't have to go far from home to find beautiful orchids and needless to say just take pictures home with you and leave the plant in its natural world for others to enjoy

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## What's In Bloom At The Muttart

## **July 2015 (cont'd)**

Sources for the article were taken fromOrchidwizOrchidspecies.comThe Plant ListLANKESTERIANA 10(2-3), December 2010Charles BakerWikipediaAll photographs by OSPF (Doug Bovee / Dave Nixon)



## What's In Bloom At The Muttart August 2015

## Bulbophyllum levanae

The Bulbophyllum genera is one of the largest in the orchid world with over 1945 distinct species identified to date. They can be found in every corner of the world with the exception of Europe.

This specimen, commonly known as Levan's Bulbophyllum, is found only in the Philippines growing in forests at elevations around 500 meters on the islands of Panay, Luzon Leyte and Sibuyan. The 4" spidery blooms are a waxy reddish brown with reflexed petals and a wet oozing dark red hinged mobile lip; this flower smells so bad that it will shock and amaze your friends but flies on the other hand are drawn to it.

While we try to control insects in the greenhouse occasionally they can provide brief moments of joy and wonder, as was the case when Doug was taking these pictures.

It is from the original donation of Lorne Stewart and is kept on the shady side of the hot greenhouse.



## What's In Bloom At The Muttart August 2015 (cont'd)



## Brassia allenii

This orchid was name after Paul Hamilton Allen (1911 –1963) an American botanist noted for his work on the ecology of Central America, orchid systematics.

It is found in Panama and Colombia growing in the cloud forest. It normally carries 5 to 8 very fragrant flowers

This plant was part of the donation to the OSPF by Gerry Suffolk and is kept on the sunnier side of the intermediate greenhouse

It is part of the extensive collection of Brassia's held by the foundation



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## What's In Bloom At The Muttart August 2015 (cont'd)

## Dracula chestertonii

Named after Joseph Henry Chesterton (c.1840 – 26 January 1883) who was a plant collector sent by James Veitch & Sons and Henry Sander to search for orchids in South America with much success. On his final trip, he discovered a species of "Dracula orchid", Dracula chestertonii, which was named after him.

This orchid can be found in the Western Cordillera in the Departments of Antioquia, Valle del Cauca, and Chocó of Columbia. The plant produces a few single, fragrant [mushrooms] flowers borne in succession and held below the plant

This plant donated to the OSPF by Keith Day in 2004



## 12472A Stelis hirtella

Stelis genus is large with around 925 distinct species

Commonly known as the Bristley Stelis, this orchid can be found in Ecuador and Peru in high montane forests as a miniature sized, cool to cold growing epiphyte.

It is kept on the shady side of the cold greenhouse and was purchased by OSPF in 2014.



Sources for the article were taken from Orchidwiz LANKESTERIANA 10(2-3), December 2010 All photographs by OSPF (Doug Bovee)

Orchidspecies.com Charles Baker The Plant List Wikipedia

### 2016 Orchid Calendar—Order Deadline Sep 27th!

Many of you will recall the lovely calendar of orchid photos that Judy Higham put together last year. She is doing this again for 2016. Please take this opportunity to order your calendars now by e-mailing Barb Cable (<u>cable40@shaw.ca</u>) or at the September 23 monthly meeting. Orders must be in by **September 27th**.

The back cover of this year's calendar is below to give you a pre-view of the beautiful photos that will be included.

These make great gifts!

## Orchids 2016



## American Orchid Society Awards

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COVER: Brassia Rex 'Sakata' in memory of AOS Photographer and Grower Gerry Suffolk. © Judith Higham

## **New AOS Awards Page!**

The American Orchid Society published a new webpage that makes the latest orchid awards and photos available to everyone!

The response has been incredible, people are really enjoying the photos in particular (click any photo on the page to pull up the large photos.)

### Six things you will absolutely love about the new awards page

1. It's free! Gaining access to orchid awards previously required a subscription to the AOS' Orchids Plus award registry platform.

2. You don't have to be an AOS member. These breathtakingly beautiful photographs haven't been available to non-paying visitors until now.

3. The page shows the 30 most recent orchid awards, including name, parentage, description, award, score and photograph. This information can help make you a better orchid grower.

4. Clicking on any photo in the page opens up a larger photo with a gallery feature, allowing you to click through all of the large photos for the latest awards.

5. The page also includes a social sharing function to allow you to share the page with your friends via your favorite social media or bookmarking site, as well as by email.

6. You can start exploring right now!

### **Quick Links**

See the latest orchid awards and photos here - <u>http://www.aos.org/orchid-awards.aspx</u> Learn more about Orchids Plus (the searchable orchid award archive) here - <u>http://www.aos.org/landing/</u> <u>improvecollection.aspx</u>

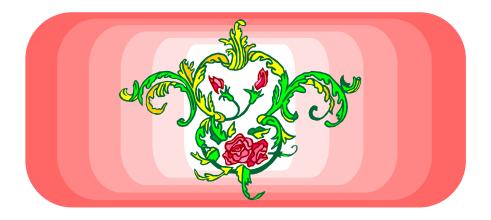
### Help Spread the Word

Please help us spread the word about the new orchid awards page via social media and email. There is a share function near the upper-right of the new orchid awards page.

We also encourage you to forward this email to friends, family or anyone you know who may be interested in orchids.

The AOS' searchable database of orchid awards dates back to the 1930s. It serves the Society's mission to promote and support the passion for orchids through education, conservation and research. Let's Grow Together!

Your Fellow Orchid Enthusiasts at the American Orchid Society <u>American Orchid Society</u> | 10901 Old Cutler Road | Coral Ga



### VANCOUVER ORCHID SOCIETY VAN DUSEN FLORAL HALL MINUTES June 24, 2015

#### The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm and chaired by Margaret Prat.

#### Margaret welcomed guests, including 2 from Holland.

Many thanks to the new volunteers who will keep the meetings running smoothly.

Please note a new system with the raffle table. You can now enter your tickets for the plant(s) you want..

With great sadness we announce the passing of Garry Sochoff from Parkinsons. His orchid collection has been donated to the Orchid Species Collection in Alberta.

#### Library

Monica Stefansson is our new librarian. Please return all outstanding library books to her.

#### Membership

New nametags are in. Please pick yours up at the membership desk. If you wish to order one, please see Grant Rampton at the Membership Desk. They are a deal at \$12 and, if you wear yours, you are entitled to a free raffle ticket.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Will be appended separately. This was moved by Collis Wilson & Seconded by Jennifer Pell/Passed.

#### **Culture Class**

September 7 – no topic yet. All suggestions gratefully received.

#### Please remember – Culture Class is for Members Only.

Speakers

September 23 – Jennifer Fabre will just be back from Borneo & should have a wonderful adventure to share.

#### August Sale – August 15

To register for a sales table please contact Eric Nilsen. Margaret asked how many people wanted the Member's table. No one showed interest so there will be no member's table at this show.

#### Van Dusen 40th Anniversary- August 16

It would be a shame not to be represented but volunteers are needed. Barb Cable, Jennifer Pell, Jennifer Fabre, Monica Stefansson, Ingrid and Anna volunteered. Thank you.

#### Elections

Margaret called for nominations from the floor 3 times. As there were none, the following slate was voted on

President – Vacant

1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Presid	ent – Evelyn Nash	Grant Rampton
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Presid	lent – Barb Cable	Calvin Wong
Secretary	Jennifer Pell	Eugene Bazinger
Treasurer	Judy Buttress	Keith Willett
		Patrick Milligan
		Monica Steffansson

The motion to accept Bev Hansen, seconded Dominic Leong – Passed.

### **Outside Shows**

The Nanaimo show has been moved to the fall. We need volunteers to take, set up & bring home our plants. We also need plants. Set up is Thursday, judging Friday & take down Sunday.

Fraser Valley Show is Oct. 30 and we need volunteers for this show. Here, at least, you can go home at night.

Daniel Kwok

AOS – Has an excellent website for Webinars & lots of other information.

Orchid Whiz is running late as the order just went in mid June. Margaret Pratt is looking after this.

**Calendars** – Judy is doing another calendar for 2016. She needs to know how many are being ordered by the September meeting.

Thank you for all those who brought their beauties for the Show table & donations for the raffle table

We then settled down to a wonderful presentation by Roy Takunata from H & R Orchids in Hawaii.

Wishing everyone a wonderful Summer.

## Upcoming Lecture at Van Dusen Gardens Guest Lecturer: Ron Long

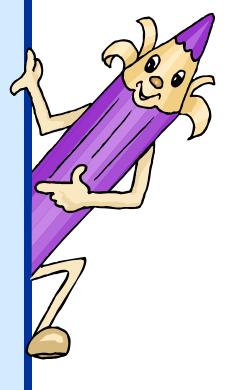
### **Orchids of Ecuador**

Step into the steamy forests of Ecuador and explore the rich diversity of orchids through the creative lens of Ron Long. Ron's passion for plants, photography and adventure is long established, and guaranteed to make for an exciting evening of stunning photographs and engaging stories. Ron spent 20 days in Ecuador with an expert orchid guide, climbing and searching for hidden botanical treasures and rare species of orchids, some of which are a mere 3 mm wide! Ron's talk this evening will combine his images of orchids with other plants, birds, colourful markets and local costumes to give us a full Ecuadorian experience. Thurs. Sept 24, 7:30 - 9 pm

VanDusen Member: \$12 / Non-member: \$17

Ron Long is a long-standing member of VOS and an excellent photographer. If you can make it out, you won't be disappointed. As a special surprise, Van Dusen is donating 2 free tickets to this event, which will be raffled off at our next meeting on

September 23rd.







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## October 2015

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October 2	PNWJC—Monthly Judging at CVIOS Show in Nanaimo
October 2—4	CVIOS Show & Sale
October 10	Ten Shin Gardens Pre-Order Deadline
October 12	Thanksgiving Day
October 12	Culture Class—Topic TBD
October 28	Monthly Meeting— Speaker: Margaret Prat—Topic: The Genus Phiaus
October 30 to November 1	FVOS Show & Sale
October 31	Hallowe'en

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Date	Event
December 12	PNWJC Monthly Judging
December 25	Christmas Day
December 26	Boxing Day
December 31	New Year's Eve